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Mr David Dent
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BARCLAYS LEAGUE



PLAY-OFF FINALS

DIVISION 4 FINAL

FRIDAY 31 MAY 1991

6.00pm - Stadium doors open.
6.05pm - The Kohima Band of The Queen's Regiment (TA).
6.25pm - First Semi Final of The Bobby Moore Soccer Skills Competition involving teams representing Cardiff and Nottingham. This nationwide competition has been organised in conjunction with The Sunday Express and JD Sports.
6.45pm - Two teams representing Blackpool and Torquay Utd compete on a circuit of soccer skills, with celebrity goalkeepers Phil Parkes and Hans Segers.
7.15pm - Shoot-Out Competition between youth teams from Blackpool and Torquay Utd.
7.40pm - The Red Devils Parachute Regiment Free Fall Team bring in the match ball.

7.50pm - Teams presented to the Chief Guest Mr George Cracknell (Deputy Managing Director, Commercial Banking Division, Barclays Bank PLC) accompanied by Mr Michael Sindair (Chairman, The Associate Members' Advisory Committee) and Mr David Dent (Secretary, The Football League).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

8.00pm - Kick-Off.
8.45pm - Half Time.
 The Kohima Band of The Queen's Regiment (TA).
9.00pm - Second Half Kick-Off.
9.45pm - Scheduled end of game.
9.50pm - Presentations.



Mr George Cracknell, Deputy Managing Director
Commercial Bank Division, Barclays Bank PLC

DIVISION 3 FINAL

SATURDAY 1 JUNE 1991

1.00pm - Stadium doors open.
1.05pm - The Kohima Band of The Queen's Regiment (TA).
1.25pm - Second Semi Final of The Bobby Moore Soccer Skills Competition involving teams representing Gateshead and Liverpool. This nationwide competition has been organised in conjunction with The Sunday Express and JD Sports.
1.45pm - Two teams representing Bolton Wanderers and Tranmere Rovers compete on a circuit of soccer skills, with celebrity goalkeepers Phil Parkes and Hans Segers.
2.15pm - Shoot-Out Competition between youth teams from Bolton Wanderers and Tranmere Rovers.
2.40pm - The Red Devils Parachute Regiment Free Fall Team bring in the match ball.

2.50pm - Teams presented to the Chief Guest Mr Geoff Miller (Managing Director, Commercial Banking Division, Barclays Bank PLC) accompanied by Mr Michael Sindair (Chairman, The Associate Members' Advisory Committee) and Mr David Dent (Secretary, The Football League).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

3.00pm - Kick-Off.
3.45pm - Half Time.
 The Kohima Band of The Queen's Regiment (TA).
4.00pm - Second Half Kick-Off.
4.45pm - Scheduled end of game.
4.50pm - Presentations.



Mr Geoff Miller, Managing Director
Commercial Bank Division, Barclays Bank PLC

DIVISION 2 FINAL

SUNDAY 2 JUNE 1991

1.00pm - Stadium doors open.
1.05pm - The Kohima Band of The Queen's Regiment (TA).
1.25pm - Final of The Bobby Moore Soccer Skills Competition involving the two successful Semi Final teams. This nationwide competition has been organised in conjunction with The Sunday Express and JD Sports.
1.45pm - Two teams representing Brighton & HA and Notts County compete on a circuit of soccer skills, with celebrity goalkeepers Phil Parkes and Hans Segers.
2.15pm - Shoot-Out Competition between youth teams from Brighton & HA and Notts County.
2.40pm - The Red Devils Parachute Regiment Free Fall

Team bring in the match ball.
2.50pm - Teams presented to the Chief Guest Mr Andrew Buxton (Deputy Chairman & Group Managing Director, Barclays Bank PLC) accompanied by Mr Gordon McKeag (Football League Management Committee) and Mr David Dent (Secretary, The Football League).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

3.00pm - Kick-Off.
3.45pm - Half Time.
 The Kohima Band of The Queen's Regiment (TA).
4.00pm - Second Half Kick-Off.
4.45pm - Scheduled end of game.
4.50pm - Presentations.



Mr Andrew Buxton, Deputy Chairman &
Managing Director, Barclays Bank PLC

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Barclays League

WELCOME TO THE PLAY-OFFS

On behalf of The Football League, I would like to welcome you to the Divisional finals of the Barclays League Play-Offs. With so many clubs again involved in the race for promotion right up to the last day of the season, this weekend's three games promise a highly exciting finale to this year's Barclays League Championship.

Six clubs will contest the Play-Off finals of which two, Notts County and Tranmere Rovers return to Wembley for a second year running. All the teams pursue the same goal – promotion – which is the lifeblood of any League competition and provides all sides with the incentive for their continued efforts.

That is why the present League structure and the additional opportunities that the Play-Off system provides are so important to football in this country. The opportunity exists for the smallest clubs to prosper and progress to greater heights through the efforts of their players on the field.

The Football League has always recognised the need to stimulate new interest in the game. The introduction, in the early eighties, of three points for



Mr Arthur Sandford, Chief Executive, The Football League

a win, and more recently the Play-Off system, have surely been instrumental in attracting spectators back to the game. It is most encouraging to reflect upon another rise in attendances – the fifth season running this has happened – to their highest level for nine years.

The Play-Offs return again to Wembley after last year's highly successful finals' weekend. The national stadium offers the ideal venue for these high profile fixtures – ensuring the comfort, safety and security of the many fans who attend these games.

It would be remiss of me not to welcome our sponsors Barclays Bank, and their guests, for the weekend. I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Barclays for the continued and significant support they provide for football. Barclays sponsorship of The Football League Championship has now completed its fourth season and we look forward to continuing our highly successful partnership with them.

It only remains for me to say that, whatever the result, I hope you all enjoy the occasion.

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TABLES & PLAY-OFF POSITIONS

For the second consecutive year, The Football League Play-Offs will take place here, at Wembley Stadium.

In the Play-Offs system the final promotion place in all three lower divisions is decided by matches between the four clubs just below those automatically promoted.

Of those four clubs in contention in all three divisions, the highest placed plays the lowest placed and the two middle teams meet on a home and away basis with the two winners playing-off at Wembley. In those "Semi-Finals", the lower placed team in each tie shall play the first leg at home.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION I

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
*Arsenal	38	15	4	0	51	10	9	9	1	23	8	83	
Liverpool	38	14	3	2	42	13	9	4	6	35	27	76	
C Palace	38	11	6	2	26	17	9	3	7	24	24	69	
Leeds	38	12	2	5	46	23	7	5	7	19	24	64	
Man City	38	12	3	4	35	25	5	8	6	29	28	62	
*Man U	38	11	4	4	34	17	5	8	6	24	28	59	
Wimbledon	38	8	6	6	28	22	6	8	5	25	24	56	
Nottm For	38	11	4	4	42	21	3	8	8	23	29	54	
Everton	38	9	5	5	26	15	4	7	8	24	31	51	
Tottenham H	38	8	9	2	35	22	3	7	9	16	28	49	
Chelsea	38	10	6	3	33	25	3	4	12	25	44	49	
QPR	38	8	5	6	27	22	4	5	10	17	31	46	
Sheff U	38	9	3	7	23	23	4	4	11	13	32	46	
Southamptn	38	9	6	4	33	22	3	3	13	25	47	45	
Norwich	38	9	3	7	27	32	4	3	12	14	32	45	
Coventry	38	10	6	3	30	16	1	5	13	12	33	44	
Aston Villa	38	7	9	3	29	25	2	5	12	17	33	41	
Luton	38	7	5	7	22	18	3	2	14	20	43	37	
Sunderland	38	6	6	7	15	16	2	4	13	23	44	34	
Derby	38	3	8	8	25	36	2	1	16	12	39	24	

*Arsenal 2pts deducted; Man U 1pt deducted

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION III

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Cambridge	46	14	5	4	42	22	11	6	6	33	23	86	
Southend	46	13	6	4	34	23	13	1	9	33	28	85	
Grimsby	46	16	3	4	42	13	8	8	7	24	21	83	
Bolton	46	14	5	4	33	18	10	6	7	31	32	83	
Tranmere	46	13	5	5	38	21	10	4	9	26	25	78	
Brentford	46	12	4	7	30	22	9	9	5	29	25	76	
Bury	46	13	6	4	39	26	7	7	9	28	30	73	
Bradford	46	13	3	7	36	22	7	7	9	26	32	70	
Bournemouth	46	14	6	3	37	20	5	7	11	21	38	70	
Wigan	46	14	3	6	40	20	6	6	11	31	34	69	
Huddersfld	46	13	3	7	37	23	5	10	8	20	28	67	
Birmingham	46	8	9	6	21	21	8	8	7	24	28	65	
L Orient	46	15	2	6	35	19	3	8	12	20	39	64	
Stoke	46	9	7	7	36	29	7	5	11	19	30	60	
Reading	46	11	5	7	34	28	6	3	14	19	38	59	
Exeter	46	12	6	5	35	16	4	3	16	23	36	57	
Preston	46	11	5	7	33	29	4	6	13	21	38	56	
Shrewsbry	46	8	7	8	29	22	6	3	14	32	46	52	
Chester	46	10	3	10	27	27	4	6	13	19	31	51	
Swansea	46	8	6	9	31	33	5	3	15	18	39	48	
Fulham	46	8	8	7	27	22	2	8	13	14	34	46	
Crewe	46	6	9	8	35	35	5	2	16	27	45	44	
Rotherham	46	5	10	8	31	38	5	2	16	19	49	42	
Mansfield	46	5	8	10	23	27	3	6	14	19	36	38	



**BARCLAYS
LEAGUE**



PLAY-OFF FINALS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION II

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Oldham	46	17	5	1	55	21	8	8	7	28	32	88	
West Ham	46	15	6	2	41	18	9	9	5	19	16	87	
Sheff W	46	12	10	1	43	23	10	6	7	37	28	82	
Notts Co	46	14	4	5	45	28	9	7	7	31	27	80	
Millwall	46	11	6	6	43	28	9	7	7	27	23	73	
Brighton	46	12	4	7	37	31	9	3	11	26	38	70	
Middlesbro	46	12	4	7	36	17	8	5	10	30	30	69	
Barnsley	46	13	7	3	39	16	6	5	12	24	32	69	
Bristol C	46	14	5	4	44	28	6	2	15	24	43	67	
Oxford	46	10	9	4	41	29	4	10	9	28	37	61	
Newcastle	46	8	10	5	24	22	6	7	10	25	34	59	
Wolves	46	11	6	6	45	35	2	13	8	18	28	58	
Bristol R	46	11	7	5	29	20	4	6	13	27	39	58	
Ipswich	46	9	8	6	32	28	4	10	9	28	40	57	
Port Vale	46	10	4	9	32	24	5	8	10	24	40	57	
Charlton	46	8	7	8	27	25	5	10	8	30	36	56	
Portsmouth	46	10	6	7	34	27	4	5	14	24	43	53	
Plymouth	46	10	10	3	36	20	2	7	14	18	48	53	
Blackburn	46	8	6	9	26	27	6	4	13	25	39	52	
Watford	46	5	8	10	24	32	7	7	9	21	27	51	
Swindon	46	8	6	9	31	30	4	8	11	34	43	50	
Leicester	46	12	4	7	41	33	2	4	17	19	50	50	
West Brom	46	7	11	5	26	21	3	7	13	26	40	48	
Hull	46	6	10	7	35	32	4	5	14	22	53	45	

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION IV

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Darlington	46	13	8	2	36	14	9	9	5	32	24	83	
Stockport	46	16	6	1	54	19	7	7	9	30	28	82	
Hartlepool	46	15	5	3	35	15	9	5	9	32	33	82	
Peterboro	46	13	9	1	38	15	8	8	7	29	30	80	
Blackpool	46	17	3	3	55	17	6	7	10	23	30	79	
Burnley	46	17	5	1	46	16	6	5	12	24	35	79	
Torquay	46	14	7	2	37	13	4	11	8	27	34	72	
Scunthorpe	46	17	4	2	51	20	3	7	13	20	42	71	
Scarboro	46	13	5	5	36	21	6	7	10	23	35	69	
Northampton	46	14	5	4	34	21	4	8	11	23	37	67	
Doncaster	46	12	5	6	36	22	5	9	9	20	24	65	
Rochdale	46	10	9	4	29	22	5	8	10	21	31	62	
Cardiff	46	10	6	7	26	23	5	9	9	17	31	60	
Lincoln	46	10	7	6	32	27	4	10	9	18	34	59	
Gillingham	46	9	9	5	35	27	3	9	11	22	33	54	
Walsall	46	7	12	4	25	17	5	5	13	23	34	53	
Hereford	46	9	10	4	32	19	4	4	15	21	39	53	
Cheterfld	46	8	12	3	33	26	5	2	16	14	36	53	
Maidstone	46	9	5	9	42	34	4	7	12	24	37	51	
Carlisle	46	12	3	8	30	30	1	6	16	17	59	48	
York	46	8	6	9	21	23	3	7	13	24	34	46	
Halifax	46	9	6	8	34	29	3	4	16	25	50	46	
Aldershot	46	8	7	8	38	43	2	4	17	23	58	41	
Wrexham	46	8	7	8	33	34	2	3	18	15	40	40	

Blackpool

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Ground capacity: 9,641.

Record attendance: 38,098 v Wolverhampton W, Division 1, 17th Sept, 1955.

Record receipts: £72,949 v Spurs, F.A. Cup 3rd rd, 5th Jan, 1991.

Pitch measurements: 111yd x 73yd.

President: C.A. Sagar, BEM.

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Manager: W. Ayre.

General Manager: F. McGrath.

Commercial Manager: Geoffrey Warburton.

Physio: Stephen Redmond.

Year Formed: 1887.

Turned Professional: 1887.

Ltd Co: 1896.

Previous Grounds: 1887 Raikes Hall Gardens; 1897 Athletic Grounds; 1899 Raikes Hall Gardens; 1899 Bloomfield Road.

Previous Name: 'South Shore' combined with Blackpool in 1899, twelve years after the latter had been formed on the breaking up of the old 'Blackpool St John's' club.

Club Nickname: 'The Seaside'.

Record League Victory: 7-0 v Preston NE (away), Division 1, 1st May 1948 - Robinson; Shimwell, Crosland; Buchan, Hayward, Kelly; Hobson, Munro (1), McIntosh (5), McCall, Rickett (1).

Record Cup Victory: 7-1 v Charlton Ath, League Cup 2nd rd, 25th September, 1963 - Harvey; Armfield, Martin; Crawford, Gratrix, Cranston; Lea, Ball (1), Charnley (4), Durie (1), Oakes (1).
Record Defeat: 1-10 v Small Heath, Division 2, 2nd March, 1901 and v Huddersfield T, Division 1, 13th December, 1930.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 58, Division 2, 1929-30.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 86, Division 4, 1984-85.

Most League Goals: 98, Division 2, 1929-30.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Jimmy Hampson, 45, Division 2, 1929-30.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: Jimmy Hampson, 247, 1927-1938.

Most Capped Player: Jimmy Armfield,



DAVE BAMBER IS THE SEASON'S LEADING SCORER AT BLOOMFIELD ROAD



ALAN WRIGHT IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION AS AN UNDER-21 ENGLAND HOPEFUL

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Most League Appearances: Jimmy Armfield, 568, 1952-71.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £633,333 from Manchester City for Paul Stewart.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £116,666 to Sunderland for Jack Ashurst, October 1979.

Football League Record: 1896 Elected to Division 2; 1899 Failed Re-election; 1900 Re-elected; 1900-30 Division 2; 1930-33 Division 1; 1933-37 Division 2; 1937-67 Division 1; 1967-70 Division 2; 1970-71 Division 1; 1971-78 Division 2; 1978-81 Division 3; 1981-85 Division 4; 1985-90 Division 3; 1990 Division 4.

Honours: Football League: Division 1 - Runners-up 1955-56. Division 2 - Champions 1929-30, Runners-up 1936-37, 1969-70. Division 4 - Runners-up 1984-85. F.A. Cup: Winners 1953, Runners-up 1948, 1951. Football League Cup - Semi-Final 1962. Anglo-Italian Cup - Winners 1971. Runners-up 1972.

Colours: Tangerine shirts, navy and white trim, white shorts, tangerine stockings with white tops. Change colours: White shirts with navy and tangerine trim, tangerine shorts, tangerine stockings with navy and white tops.

Blackpool

ABOUT THE SEASIDERS

Blackpool's rise from the lower reaches of the Fourth Division to tonight's Wembley play-off final in the space of six months is remarkable.

In late November 1990, when Billy Ayre replaced Graham Carr as manager, Blackpool were 18th in the table, just six places off the bottom.

Gates were down to around 2,000 per game, and promotion seemed the last thing on the minds of everyone connected with Bloomfield Road.

But Ayre, the former Halifax player and manager, brought an amazing turnaround in the club's fortunes. Blackpool won their last 13 home League games of the season, a club record, and went into the last game of the season as one of four clubs chasing five automatic promotion places.

Blackpool lost 2-0 at Walsall, only their fifth defeat in 30 games, but it meant that they were consigned to the play-offs. Now they have come again, having beaten Scunthorpe, and are just 90 minutes away from a place in the Third Division.

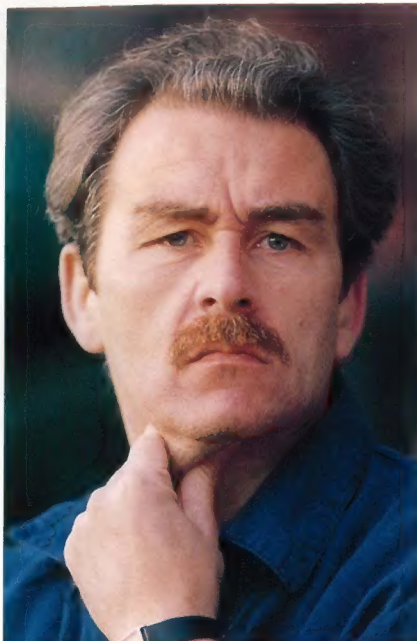
One of the crucial factors in Blackpool's rise has been the goalscoring of Mike Bamber, signed from Hull City for a bargain £25,000 in January this year after a loan spell that began in November.

Bamber had begun his professional career with Blackpool nearly 11 years ago, and had played in every division of the League with a number of clubs before returning for one of his most profitable spells, scoring 16 goals in 26 matches and finishing the season as the club's top scorer.

But Bamber was unable to play in Blackpool's most glamorous game of the season, in the F.A. Cup against Tottenham, because he was cup-tied. Nearly 10,000 fans packed into Bloomfield Road to watch Gazza and company scrape a narrow 1-0 win, with the goal scored by Blackpool old boy Paul Stewart.

Blackpool's loyal fans will be hoping that this is the dawn of a new and successful era, which has long been overdue. The once-great club reached their lowest point in the 1980s when they slipped into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

In 1983, they finished bottom of the League and had to apply for re-election



BILLY AYRE - BLACKPOOL MANAGER

amid the threat of liquidation. Players had to be sold to raise cash and collecting tins were rattled in local pubs and clubs.

Within two seasons, Blackpool finished as Fourth Division runners-up and were promoted to Division Three, where they remained until relegation in 1989-90.

It all seemed so far away from the club's glory days after the Second World War, when they played in three F.A. Cup finals, two of which were among the finest ever seen at Wembley.

In 1948, Blackpool lost 4-2 to Sir Matt Busby's first great Manchester United side in a memorable final. Three years later they lost 2-0 to Newcastle United, but made up for those disappointments by winning the 1953 F.A. Cup in one of the most famous finals at Wembley.

They called it 'Matthews' final' as the great Stanley Matthews bamboozled the Bolton Wanderers defence, helping Stan Mortensen to score a hat-trick as Blackpool came from 3-1 down to win 4-3.

Matthews, later to become Sir Stanley, spent the bulk of his career in the famous tangerine shirt of Blackpool, playing over 400 games between 1947 and 1961.

The 1950s continued to be good years for Blackpool, who came closest to winning the League Championship in

1956 when they finished as runners-up.

In that side was a young right-back called Jimmy Armfield, who went on to make a record number of appearances for the club, over 600 between 1954 and 1970. Armfield also holds the club record for international caps, playing 43 times for England.

But Armfield's last season was the beginning of the club's decline. They had been relegated from the First Division in 1967 but came back with high hopes in 1970. Sadly, they finished bottom of the table, and have not been back in the First Division since.

But football is resurgent in the North-West, as the crowd of 17,487 who saw Burnley play Blackpool last month will testify. The once-traditional stronghold of football is starting to re-establish itself.

If the Seasideers can continue the rich run of form that has brought them to Wembley since Billy Ayre's arrival, who knows what might happen?

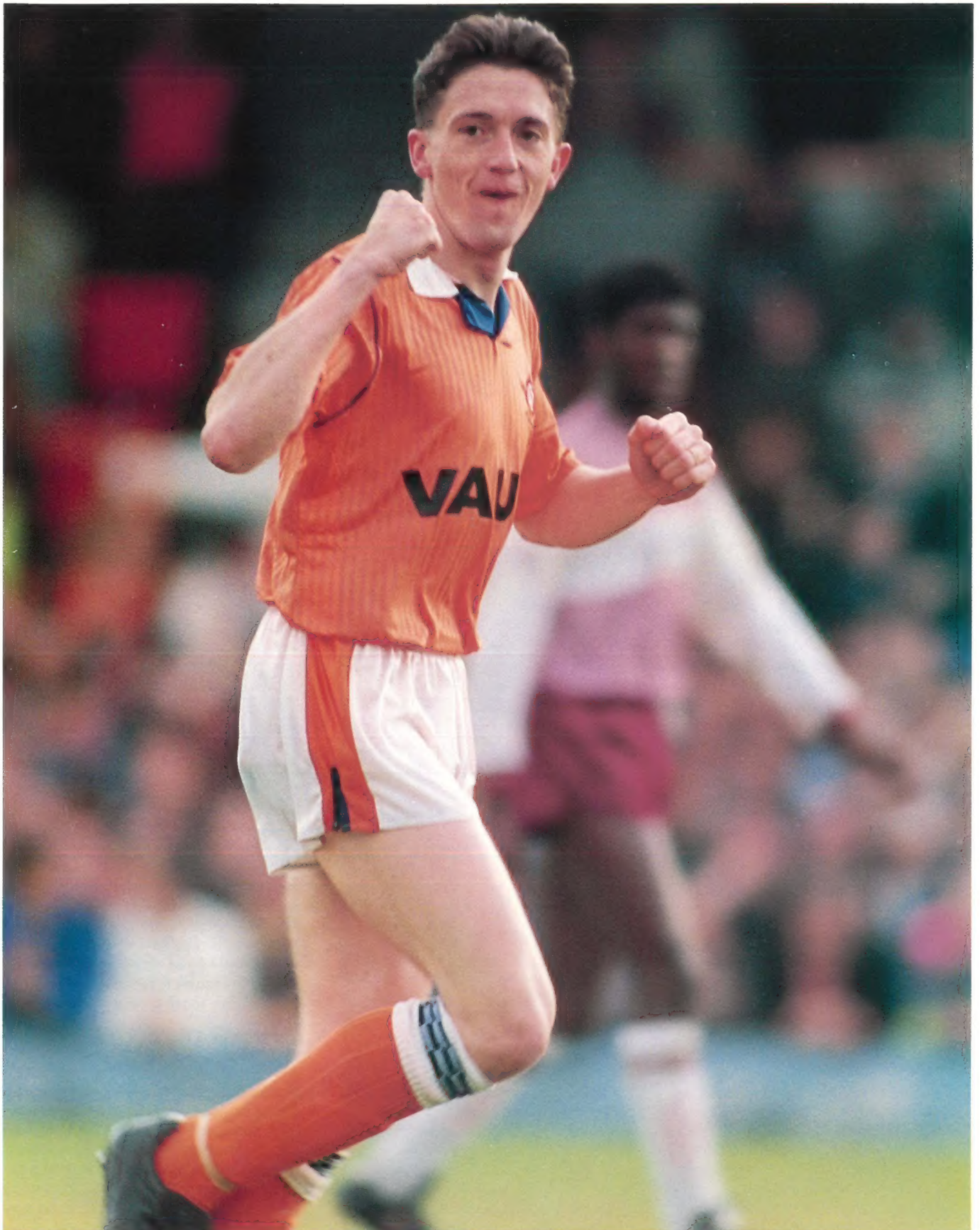


BLACKPOOL SKIPPER - ANDY GARNER

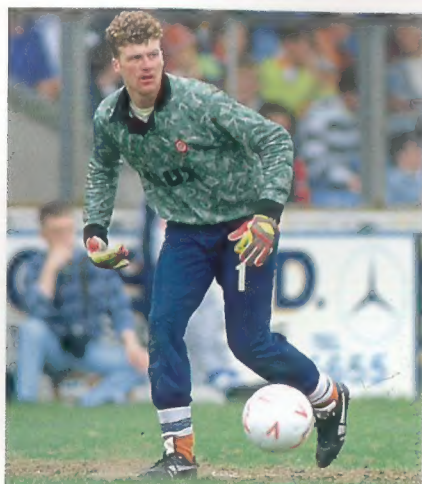
By the saddest of twists, on the day Blackpool beat Scunthorpe to reach this Final, the death occurred of the legendary, Stanley Mortensen, aged 69. Perhaps the memory of his Cup Final hat-trick, when the Club last came to Wembley 38 years ago, will inspire the Blackpool of 1991 to achieve something of distinction here again tonight.

Blackpool

DAVID EYRES



TOWER OF STRENGTH



—STEPHEN McILHARGEY—

6ft 2in goalkeeper who signed for Blackpool from Walsall before the start of the 1989-90 season. Joined Walsall from Scottish junior side, Blantyre Celtic. Has represented Scotland schoolboys and junior non-League select teams. Has missed only two League matches all season. Born Ferryhill. Age 27.

—PHILIP HORNER—

Joined the club last September from Halifax. Started his career with Leicester City but had a spell on loan with Rotherham before signing for Halifax. Now a regular first team member, making 40 League appearances, scoring seven goals this season. Born Leeds. Age 24.

—MICHAEL DAVIS—

Utility player who has progressed through the youth ranks to establish himself as a regular first team member. Made his 200th League appearance against Halifax in April. Was voted "Player of the Year" during season 1987-88. Born Manchester. Age 25.

—PAUL GROVES—

Signed by Blackpool from Leicester City in January 1989 for £60,000. He joined Leicester, for whom he made just eight appearances, from non-League Burton Albion. Midfielder, he was the club's only ever-present this season, scoring 11 goals in League and cup competitions. Born Derby. Age 25.

—IAN GORE—

Joined the club from Birmingham City before the start of the 1989-90 season after failing to break into the first team. Versatile player, he can operate in any four of the defensive positions. Has now made 62 League appearances for the club, without scoring. Born Liverpool. Age 23.



—ALAN WRIGHT—

After joining Blackpool as a YTS apprentice, he signed professional forms in April 1989. Has represented England at schoolboy, youth, under-17 and under-18 levels. Became the youngest player ever to appear for Blackpool in the Football League when he made his debut at the end of the 1988-89 season. Born Ashton-under-Lyne. Age 20.



—TONY RODWELL—

Signed from non-League, Colne Dynamos, in August 1990. Broke into the first team at the start of the season and has been a regular ever since, missing only one League match against Rochdale. Has made a big impression since his transfer, scoring seven goals.

—GARY BRIGGS—

Recruited during the 1989 close season from Oxford United for whom he made 499 appearances. Began his career as an apprentice with Middlesbrough, moving to Oxford in January 1978 for £12,500. Released on a free transfer by Oxford in recognition of 10 years service. Born Leeds. Age 33.

TREVOR SINCLAIR

Signed professional forms for the club in August 1989 after being part of the F.A. School of Excellence programme at Lilleshall. Midfielder, he has represented England at under-17 level. He has appeared eight times as a substitute in his last nine League outings. Born Dulwich. Age 18.

DAVID EYRES

Joined the club during the 1989 close season from non-League, Rhyl FC, for £10,000. Most of his career was spent in the Liverpool Sunday League before moving to Southport. Can play on the wing or in a central striking role. Played 36 League matches this season, scoring six goals. Born Liverpool. Age 27.

DAVE BAMBER

The club's leading League goalscorer this season with 16 goals in only 26 matches. Signed from Hull City for a bargain £25,000 in January this year after a loan spell at the end of last year. Began his career with Blackpool nearly 11 years ago, and has since played in every division of the Football League. Born St Helens. Age 32.

MARK TAYLOR

Joined Blackpool on a free transfer in August 1986 from his home-town club, Hartlepool, after spending a short loan spell at Crewe. A winger, he has made 19 League appearances this season, scoring three goals. Born Hartlepool. Age 26.

CARL RICHARDS

Began his career with Bournemouth and, after 71 League appearances, he joined Birmingham City. After only four months with the Midlands club, he joined Peterborough for a short spell before moving to Blackpool. Made 22 League appearances this season, scoring four goals. Born Jamaica. Age 31.

DAVID LANCASTER

Following the demise of Colne Dynamos, he signed a professional contract with the club after completing a short trial period at the start of the season. Has made eight League appearances this season, scoring his only goal against Aldershot last November.



ANDY GOUCK

Local-born, he joined the club on the youth training scheme, making his League debut towards the end of last season. Has since signed professional forms. Played five League games this season, all as a substitute. Born Blackpool. Age 18.

ANDY GARNER

6ft 1in striker, he signed from Derby County for £60,000 in January 1989. Joined Derby as a schoolboy and progressed to their first team where he made 71 League appearances, scoring 17 goals. Was Blackpool's leading scorer for seasons 1988-89 and 1989-90. Born Chesterfield. Age 25.



Blackpool
SEMI-FINAL ACTION



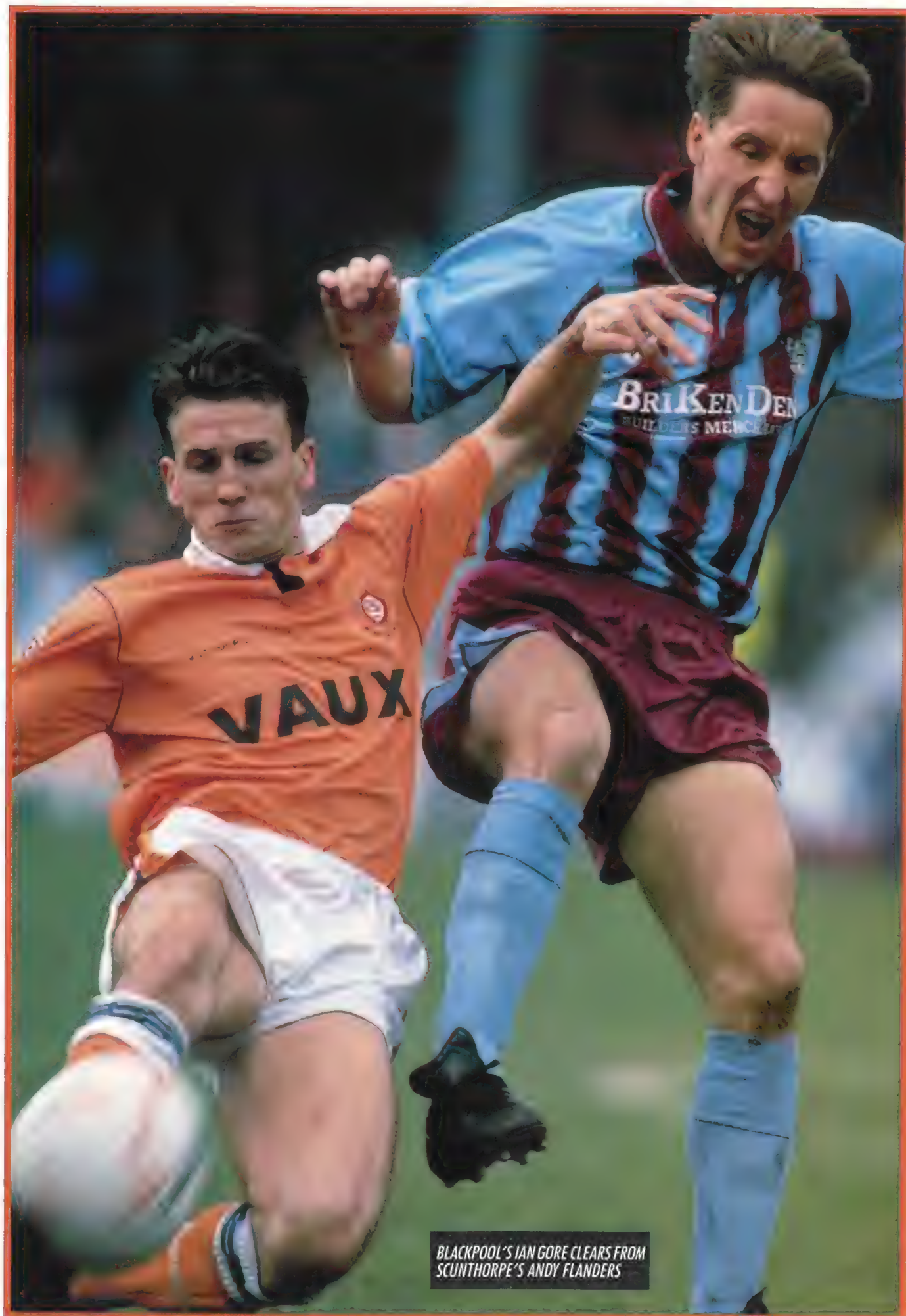
BLACKPOOL'S PAUL GROVES STRETCHES PAST MARK LILLIS



CLOSE ENCOUNTER
- GARY BRIGGS
AND TONY DAWS



TONY RODELL AND KEVIN TAYLOR BATTLE IT
OUT IN THE 1ST LEG SEMI-FINAL



BLACKPOOL'S IAN GORE CLEARS FROM
SCUNTHORPE'S ANDY FLANDERS

THE BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINALS



George Graham of Arsenal, Barclays League Champions for the second time in three seasons, was named the Barclays Bank Manager of the Year for the second time in three years. The Barclays Bank Trophy and a Barclays Higher Rate Deposit Account cheque for £5,000 were presented to him on field at Highbury prior to The Gunners final home match of the season by Sir John Quinton, the Chairman of Barclays Bank.

Barclays League Play-Off Finals weekend provides a family Festival of Football finale to a season which has topped the sponsors previous three seasons of sponsorship in every respect.

Barclays Bank enjoys its association with the world's No 1 game — and benefits from it — in terms of bountiful media exposure and national and local links with the 92 Football League clubs, and their supporters, over the length and breadth of the country.

Barclays series of prestigious awards — they include the Barclays Bank Manager of the Month, Barclays Young Eagle and Barclays Performance of the Week — bring them into even closer contact with managers, young players, chairmen and directors in all four Divisions of the Barclays League.

The Barclays Bank Manager of the Month (and Manager of the Year) is nominated by a panel of 30 leading

football journalists and commentators; and the Divisional awards are named by The Football League.

The Managers awards include an inscribed plate and a jeroboam of champagne, with the overall monthly winner receiving a Barclays cheque for £250 and the annual winner a Barclays Higher Rate Deposit Account cheque for £5,000.

The Barclays Young Eagle awards are nominated on a regional and national basis by a top echelon panel of former and current managers including Jack Charlton, Jimmy Armfield, Trevor Cherry, Stan Cullis, Bill Nicholson, Ron Greenwood and Terry Yorath and chaired by the England team manager Graham Taylor.

The overall winner, selected by the chairman, based on the reports of his panel, receives a Silver Eagle trophy and a cheque for £250 to his nominated

charity. The regional winners each receive an inscribed salver. The Barclays Young Eagle of the Year receives a magnificent Silver Eagle trophy and a Barclays Higher Rate Deposit Account cheque for £5,000.

For the Barclays Performance of the Week, each week a panel of leading managers including George Graham, David Pleat, Mick Buxton and Arthur Cox, chaired, again by the England team manager, select the outstanding performance by a League club in the Barclays League or F.A. Cup competition. The selected club then nominates a local Boys Club to receive the Barclays award from the local manager on the pitch at a home match. The award consists of a complete strip in the bank's colours and a cheque for £300, half of which must be spent on a local community project. The club receives a special Barclays trophy.

Barclays League **BARCLAYS BANK AWARDS**

BARCLAYS BANK MANAGER AWARDS 1990/91

BARCLAYS BANK MANAGER OF THE YEAR 1990/91:
GEORGE GRAHAM (Arsenal)

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BRIAN LITTLE (Darlington)

BARCLAYS BANK SPECIAL AWARDS: ALEX FERGUSON (Manchester Utd)
RON ATKINSON (Sheffield Wed)

Millions of ITV viewers of 'The Match' have shared the controversy of the experts' selections of the Barclays Man of the Match — and the destination of "the Barclays bubbly" — nominated more often than not by The Saint (Ian St John) and Greavsie (Jimmy Greaves), and on occasions by Trevor Francis and Gary Lineker.

They have also had the opportunity to win a £1,000 Barclays Higher Rate Deposit Account cheque by nominating the Barclays Goal of the Day, which is also a well-promoted feature of ITV's 'The Match'.

This seems a popular competition with ITV claiming over 100,000 viewers calls each match.

Barclays also sponsors the PFA awards which are the players own selections for personal honours.

The players nominate the PFA Player of the Year and the PFA Young Player of the Year; they also select a team in all four Divisions of the Barclays League which represents their opinions of who is the best player in each position in each division.

The PFA Divisional Awards gold medals were presented in on-field ceremonies for the first time all round the country by local Barclays representatives — a touch which was appreciated by the fans who had the opportunity to applaud the winners of these very special accolades.

BARCLAYS YOUNG EAGLE OF THE YEAR - MANCHESTER UNITED'S LEE SHARPE PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE FOR £5,000 BY MIKE PITCHER, DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL BANKING DIVISION





THE EDGE

BOLTON'S DETAILS

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Ground capacity: 25,000.

Record attendance: 69,912 v Manchester C, F.A. Cup 5th rd, 18th February 1933.

Record receipts: £53,931 v Everton, League Cup semi-final, 2nd rd, 15th February 1977.

Pitch measurements: 113yd x 76yd.

President: Nat Lofthouse.

Chairman: G. Hargreaves.

Directors: P.A. Gartside, G. Ball, G. Seymour, G. Warburton, W.B. Warburton.

Team Manager: Phil Neal.

Coach: Mick Brown.

Secretary: Des McBain.

Commercial Manager: Terry Holland.

Physio: E. Simpson.

Year Formed: 1874.

Turned Professional: 1880.

Ltd Co: 1895.

Previous Grounds: Park Recreation Ground and Cockle's Field before moving to Pike's Lane ground 1881, Burnden Park 1895.

Previous Name: 1874-77, Christ Church FC; 1877, became Bolton Wanderers.

Club Nickname: 'The Trotters'.

Record League Victory: 8-0 v Barnsley, Division 2, 6th October 1934 — Jones; Smith, Finney; Goslin, Atkinson, George Taylor; George T. Taylor (2), Eastham, Milsom (1), Westwood (4), Cook. (1 og).

Record Cup Victory: 13-0 v Sheffield U, F.A. Cup 2nd rd, 1st February 1890 — Parkinson; Robinson (1), Jones; Bullock, Davenport, Roberts; Rushton, Brogan (3), Cassidy (5), McNee, Weir (4).

Record Defeat: 0-7 v Manchester C, Division 1, 21st March 1936.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 61, Division 3, 1972-73.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 78, Division 4, 1987-88.

Most League Goals: 96, Division 2, 1934-35.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Joe Smith, 38, Division 1, 1920-21.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: Nat Lofthouse, 255, 1946-61.

Most Capped Player: Nat Lofthouse, 33, England.

Most League Appearances: Eddie Hopkinson, 519, 1956-70.

Record Transfer Fee Received:

£340,000 from Birmingham C for Neil Whatmore, August 1981.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £350,000 to WBA for Len Cantello, May 1979.

Football League Record: 1888 Founder Member of the League; 1899-90 Division 2; 1900-03 Division 1; 1903-05 Division 2; 1905-08 Division 1; 1908-09 Division 2; 1909-10 Division 1; 1910-11 Division 2; 1911-33 Division 1; 1933-35 Division 2; 1935-64 Division 1; 1964-71 Division 2; 1971-73 Division 3; 1973-78 Division 2; 1978-80 Division 1; 1980-83 Division 2; 1983-87 Division 3; 1987-88 Division 4; 1988-Division 3.

Honours: Football League: Division 1 — best season; 3rd, 1891-92, 1920-21, 1924-25. Division 2 — Champions 1908-09, 1977-78; Runners-up 1899-1900, 1904-05, 1910-11, 1934-35. Division 3 — Champions 1972-73. F.A. Cup: Winners 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958; Runners-up 1894, 1904, 1953. Football League Cup: Semi-final 1976-77. Sherpa Van Trophy: Runners-up 1986. Winners 1989.

Colours: White shirts, navy blue shorts, navy blue stockings. Change colours: Blue shirts, white shorts, red stockings.

BACK ROW L TO R: HUGHES, COWDRILL, CAME, WINSTANLEY, COMSTIVE, STUBBS, SPOONER, SAVAGE. MIDDLE ROW: NEAL (MANAGER), DARBY, HENSHAW, CROMBIE, FELGATE, ROSE, JEFFREY, BROWN, FISHER, BROWN (COACH). FRONT ROW: SIMPSON (PHYSIO), REEVES, BROWN, PHILLISKIRK, STORER, THOMPSON, BURKE, OLIVER, GREEN, CARROLL (YOUTH TEAM COACH)



BURNDEN PARK, HOME OF BOLTON WANDERERS

Bolton Wanderers

WANDERERS RETURN

BOLTON were knocked out at the first play-off stage by Notts County last season — when they should have gone straight up. This year they missed out on an automatic promotion place on goal difference — Grimsby going up in their place.

But Bolton are no strangers to success and the Wembley stage, the scene of many club triumphs. They were last here for the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy Final, when they thrashed Torquay 4-1. They have won the F.A. Cup Final on four occasions, including the White Horse final, the first ever staged at Wembley.

Indeed, Bolton are football history itself. Founder members of The Football League, they dominated the 1920s and a legendary figure of that era was goalkeeper Dick Pym, who kept clean sheets in three Wembley finals.

Pym may have been the hero then, but there have been few Bolton players with the worldwide fame of Nat Lofthouse. And Lofthouse wrote himself into the club's record books, scoring twice in their 1958 F.A. Cup triumph over Manchester United.

The Lofthouse name still rings around Burnden Park. In recent times he has played a leading part in Bolton's vital fund-raising department, Lifeline. Now, aged 65 and president of the club, he is still a hard-working magical figure with the club that has been his life.

Bolton were a First Division side as recently as 1980 but in 1987 they experienced life in the Fourth Division for the first time in their history — only to win promotion the following season. Phil Neal was manager then and is today, as Bolton stand on the verge of promotion once more.

Neal took over in December 1985, succeeding Charlie Wright as manager. Neal is yet to repeat the success he enjoyed as a player and he would be wise not to set such a seemingly impossible target.

During his impressive playing career Neal won eight Championship medals at Liverpool, a record since equalled by Alan Hansen for the same club, four European Cups, four League Cups and the UEFA Cup. And he shattered the then full-back record by winning 50 caps at right-back for England.



THE MAN IN CHARGE - PHIL NEAL

Before those heady days Neal managed to squeeze in over 200 senior appearances for Northampton, before going to Merseyside in 1974. He went on to make 416 consecutive appearances, in a run which took him to October 1983. He missed a game against Sunderland and a Milk Cup tie at Brentford, his only two absences up to the end of his Liverpool career in 1985.

Now Neal paves the way for Bolton's current day heroes. Topping the list is Tony Philliskirk, the Third Division's leading goalscorer. He scored 26 League and Cup goals before the play-offs.

Philliskirk, signed from Preston North End, those other giants of yester-year, for a bargain £50,000 in the summer of 1989. He topped the scorers' charts with 24 in his first season, including one play-off strike against Notts County.

Philliskirk is not the only player that Neal has seen fit to spend money on. He made a double swoop on League colleagues Bury earlier in the season, securing the services of Mark Patterson and Tony Cunningham for a combined fee of £135,000. Both have proved vital in Bolton's play-off push.

But the expectancy surrounding this side at the start of the season appeared to be having a negative effect on their performances. They won only three of their first ten League fixtures until a stir-

ring Rumbelows Cup tie against First Division Coventry finally got Bolton firing again. In their next ten outings, they went undefeated and promotion was again a real target.

Aside from today, Bolton's highlight of the season was a tenacious third round F.A. Cup tie at Old Trafford. Wins at Witton and Chesterfield, followed by a home triumph over Barrow, set Neal's side up for a sell-out tie against Manchester United. They lost to a solitary Mark Hughes goal.

Between October and March the foundations for success were laid as Bolton embarked on an astonishing club record — a 23 match unbeaten run. It took Bolton from second bottom to a promotion slot.

Their form since then has been less than impressive. And it needed a final run-in of five games without defeat, and the injection of three goals in three games from Cunningham, to secure the top play-off berth.

Neal had the advantage of being able to pick an unchanged side in those last five games and the backing of a season-best 12,826 crowd on the final day of the season.

Elsewhere in the side, Neal has looked to the reliability of full-back and club captain Phil Brown and ever-present goalkeeper David Felgate.

The 6ft 2ins Felgate is now in his second spell with the club. When he signed from Grimsby Town in February 1987 it was the 11th time he had been involved in a transfer deal. He may move around a bit but there have been few players who can match his consistency of performance — 19 clean sheets this season stand as testament to that.

Bolton, for so long one of football's favourite sleeping giants, are beginning to awake again. They have a large following and a diligent manager, with players to match. Wembley has been the scene for so many Bolton triumphs that there will be a few memories stirred, win or lose, this weekend.

Bolton Wanderers

TONY PHILLISKIRK



Bolton Wanderers

WANDERERS MEN



DAVID FELGATE

Ever-present goalkeeper, David, a Welsh international, is in his second spell with the club having also played for Rochdale, Bradford, Crewe, Lincoln, Cardiff, Grimsby and Rotherham. Returned to Bolton, from Grimsby, for £15,000 in February 1987. Kept 19 League and Cup clean sheets this season. Born Blaunau Ffestiniog. Age 31.

MARK SEAGRAVES

£100,000 defender signed from Manchester City last September. Started at Liverpool but made his League debut while on loan to Norwich. A well established first teamer now. Born Bootle. Age 24.

BARRY COWDRILL

Left-back, equally comfortable in midfield. Barry was Wanderers' Player of the Year last season, following his transfer from West Brom three seasons ago. He began with non-League Sutton Coldfield Town, before West Brom signed him. Born Sutton Coldfield. Age 34.

MARK CAME

Defender signed from non-League Winsford United in 1984. Forced his way back into the side last season, following a broken leg in 1989. Born Exeter. Age 29.

MARK WINSTANLEY

A "home-grown" defender looking to regain his place in the side following injury, in March. Has made over 100 appearances for the club and uses his 6ft 1in, 12st 4lb frame to its full advantage. Born St Helens. Age 23.



PHIL BROWN

Full-back and club skipper, who joined Bolton for £17,000, from Halifax Town, three seasons ago. He played in 135 League games for Halifax and over 200 for his first club, Hartlepool United. Born South Shields. Age 32.

PAUL COMSTIVE

Midfielder with Blackburn Rovers, Rochdale (loan), Wigan, Wrexham, Burnley, the club he signed from, in September 1989. Used largely as substitute this season. Born Southport. Age 19.



STEVE THOMPSON

A midfielder who is the club's longest serving professional. Since coming through the youth ranks, he has made over 300 appearances for Bolton, in three different divisions. Born Oldham. Age 26.

SCOTT GREEN

Midfielder signed from Derby County in March 1990. Did not play a first team game for County but has established himself with Wanderers, scoring six goals, after breaking into the side at the end of last season. Born Walsall. Age 20.

—STUART STORER—

Midfielder who likes to get forward. Stuart began his career at Mansfield, went to Birmingham and then joined First Division Everton. In January 1988 he came to Burnden Park in a £25,000 deal. Six League and Cup goals this term. Born Harborough. Age 24.



—JULIAN DARBY—

A midfield product of the club's youth policy. Used in many positions since his debut in 1986 — last season he was ever-present scoring one goal. This term he missed a few games but netted 13 times in League and Cup. Born Bolton. Age 22.

—ALAN STUBBS—

Central defender enjoying his first season in the first team since joining the club as an associated schoolboy. He signed YTS forms in 1988 and made his debut, as substitute, in the first week of the season. Born Kirby. Age 20.

—MARK PATTERSON—

Another striker signed from Bury this season — for £65,000 in January. Made over 100 League appearances for his first club Blackburn, before moving to Preston. Born Darwen. Age 26.

—DAVID REEVES—

An £80,000 striker when he joined from Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 1989. Teamed up with Philliskirk for a combined total of 38 goals in their first season together. Made his first League appearance whilst on loan at Scunthorpe and Burnley. Twelve League and Cup goals this season. Born Liverpool. Age 25.



—TONY CUNNINGHAM—

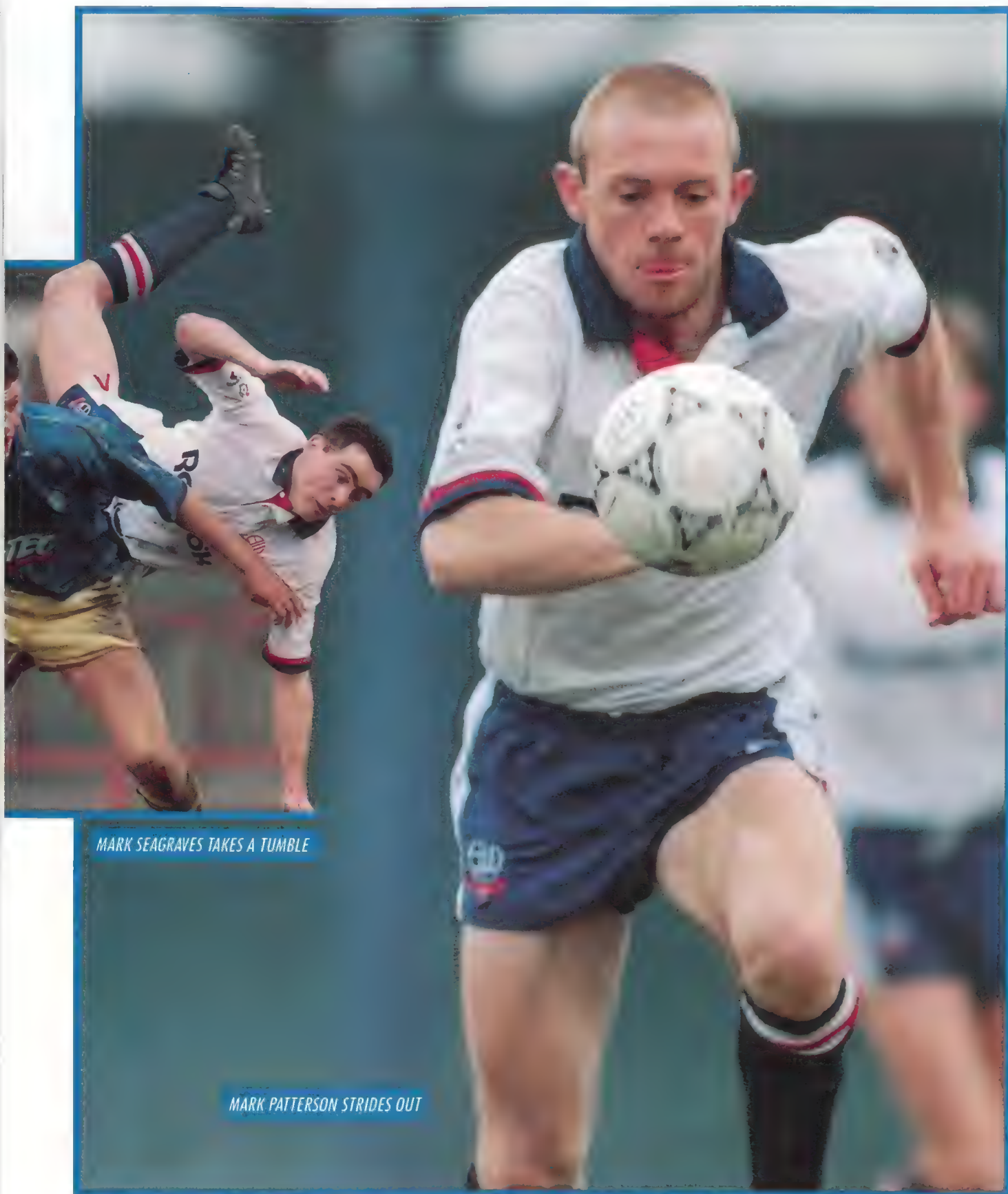
A well travelled striker formerly with Lincoln, Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester City, Newcastle, Blackpool and Bury, the club Bolton paid £70,000 for his services, in March. He has scored four goals in his short time with the club. Born Jamaica. Age 33.

—TONY PHILLISKIRK—

Top scorer in his two seasons at Bolton, since signing from Preston North End. Previously with Sheffield United and Oldham. He made 80 appearances for United but spent only seven months with Oldham. Born Sunderland. Age 26.

Bolton Wanderers

BOLTON & SOUTHEND ACTION



MARK SEAGRAVES TAKES A TUMBLE

MARK PATTERSON STRIDES OUT

Bolton Wanderers

TONY CONNINGHAM GOES UP FOR THE BALL WITH PHIL CLARK OF SOUTHEND



JULIAN DARBY AND SOUTHEND'S PETER BUTLER IN A DUEL





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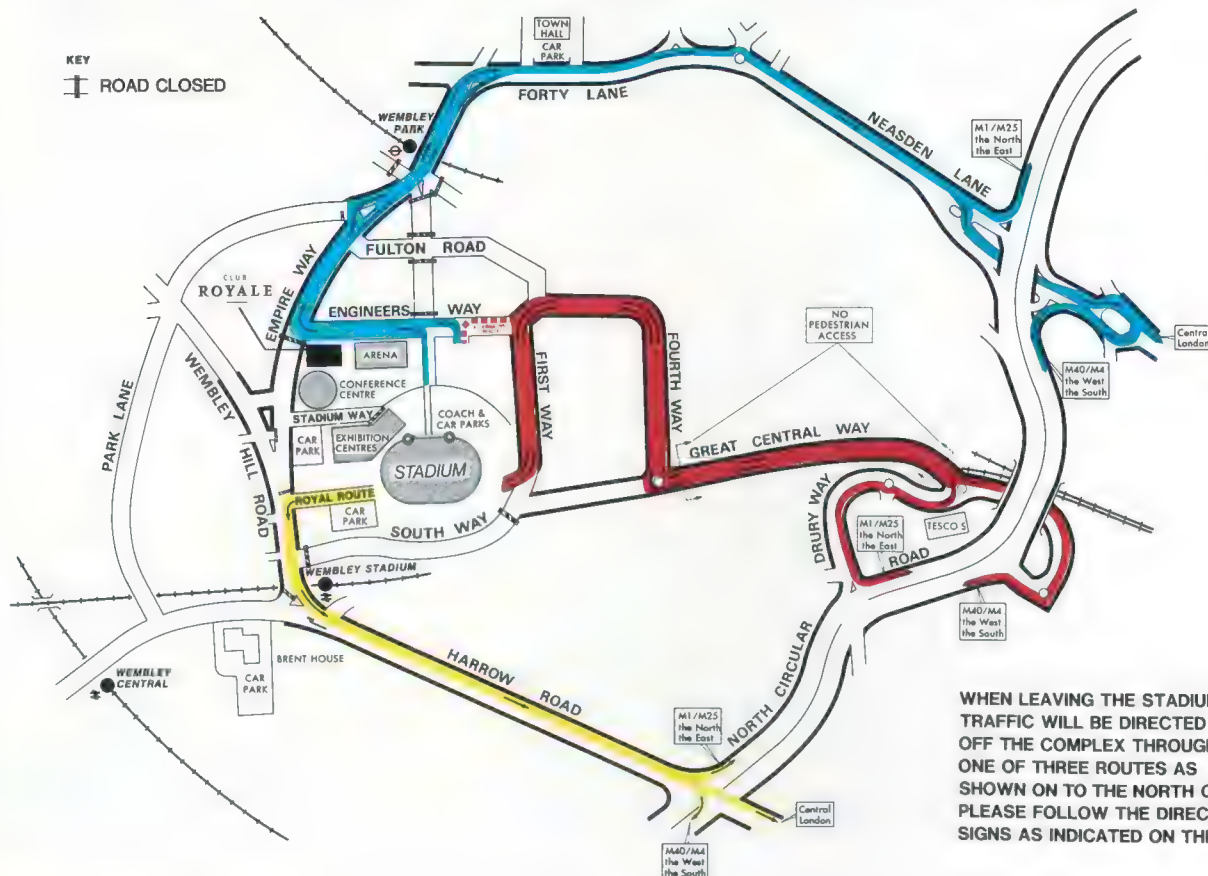
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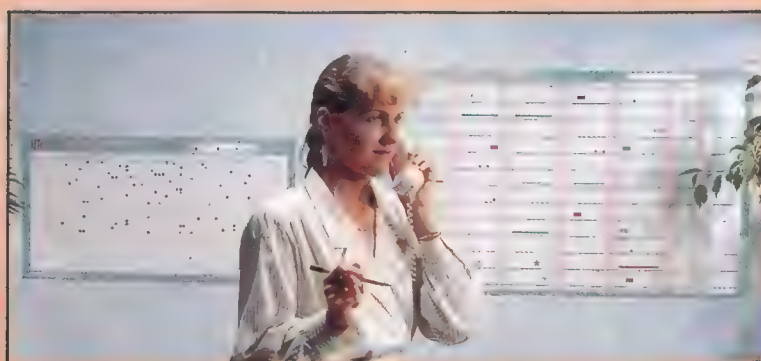


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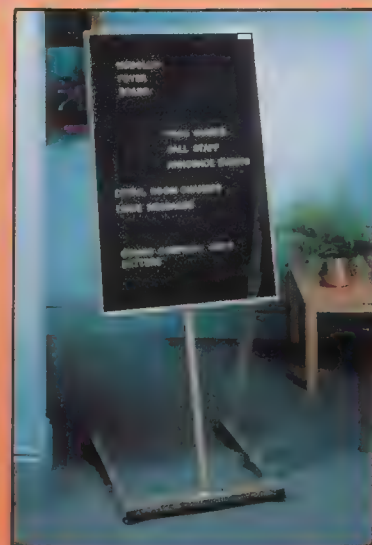
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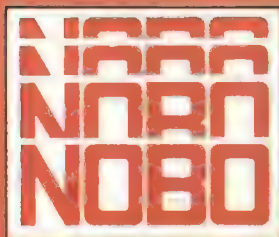
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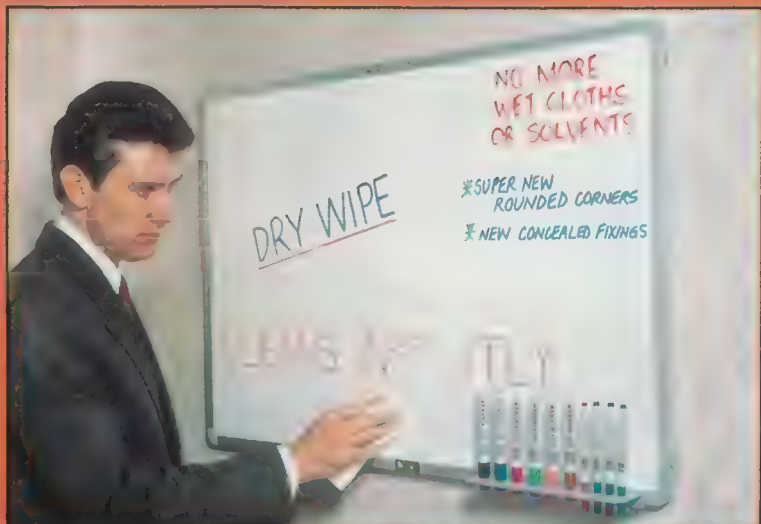


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Ground capacity: 18,647.

Record attendance: 36,747 v Fulham, Division 2, 27th December 1958.

Pitch measurements: 112yd x 75yd.

Chairman: D.C. Sizen.

Vice-Chairman: R.A. Bloom.

Directors: P.F. Kent, T.H. Appleby, B.E. Clarke, D. Sullivan, J.L. Campbell, W.A. Archer.

President: G.A. Stanley.

Manager: Barry Lloyd.

Secretary: Steve Rooke.

Chief Executive: Ron Pavey.

Coach: Martin Hinshelwood.

Physiotherapist: Malcolm Stuart.

Marketing Manager: Terry Gill.

Lottery Manager: Dave Treagus.

Year Formed: 1900.

Turned Professional: 1900.

Ltd Co: 1904.

Previous Name: Brighton & Hove Rangers.

Previous Grounds: 1900 Withdean; 1901 County Ground; 1902 Goldstone

Ground.

Club Nickname: 'The Seagulls'.

Record League Victory: 9-1 v Newport C, Division 3 (S), 18th April 1951 – Ball; Tennant (1p), Mansell (1p); Willard, McCoy, Wilson; Reed, McNichol (4), Garbutt, Bennett (2), Keene (1). 9-1 v Southend U, Division 3, 27th November 1965 – Powney; Magill, Baxter; Leck, Gall, Turner; Gould (1), Collins (1), Livesey (2), Smith (3), Goodchild (2).

Record Cup Victory: 10-1 v Wisbech, F.A. Cup 1st rd, 13th November 1965 – Powney; Magill, Baxter; Collins (1), Gall, Turner, Gould, Smith (2), Livesey (3), Cassidy (2), Goodchild (1), (1 og).

Record Defeat: 0-9 v Middlesbrough, Division 2, 23rd August, 1958.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 65, Division 3 (S), 1955-56 and 1971-72.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 84, Division 3, 1987-88.

Most League Goals: 112, Division 3 (S), 1955-56.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Peter Ward, 32, Division 3, 1976-77.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: Tommy Cook, 113, 1922-29.

Most Capped Player: John Byrne, 20, Republic of Ireland.

Most League Appearances: 'Tug' Wilson, 509, 1922-36.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £900,000 from Liverpool for Mark Lawrenson, August 1981.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £500,000 to Manchester U for Andy Richie, October 1980.

Football League Record: 1920 Original Member of Division 3; 1921-58 Division 3 (S); 1958-62 Division 2; 1962-63 Division 3; 1963-65 Division 4; 1965-72 Division 3; 1972-73 Division 2; 1973-77 Division 3; 1977-79 Division 2; 1979-83 Division 1; 1983-87 Division 2; 1987-88 Division 3; 1988-Division 2.

Honours: Football League: Division 1 – best season 16th, 1979-80. Division 2 – Runners-up 1978-79. Division 3 (S) – Champions 1957-58; Runners-up 1953-54, 1955-56. Division 3 – Runners-up 1971-72, 1976-77, 1987-88. Division 4 – Champions 1964-65. F.A. Cup: Runners-up 1982-83. Football League Cup: best season 5th rd, 1978-79.

Colours: Blue and white striped shirts, blue shorts, blue stockings. Change colours: White shirts with red patterned check, red shorts, red stockings with blue and white trim.

ABOUT THE SEAGULLS

BRIGHTON could not have left it any later to book their play-off place and fittingly it was captain Dean Wilkins who secured it.

They were being held 1-1 at home by Ipswich, while Barnsley and Bristol City, the only teams who could have denied them that play-off spot, were both winning.

As the game approached the 90th minute it seemed as if another season would end in disappointment for the South Coast side. But Wilkins had other ideas striking a 20-yard free-kick home for the all important winner seconds before the final whistle.

Afterwards Wilkins admitted that he nearly let Robert Codner take the kick, but said, "I thought to hell with it, I have been taking them all season and was due to score from one."

That goal might go some way to erasing the shadow that Dean has had to live in throughout his career, being the younger brother of the former England captain Ray.

Surprisingly Brighton were considered by many as outsiders for promotion at the start of the season even though they finished 18th the previous season, just six points clear of the relegation zone.

But Barry Lloyd has revived the fortunes of the club and must take enormous credit for the chance of First Division football at the Goldstone ground, for the first time in nine years. His efforts were recognised in December when he was given a four year extension to his contract which will keep him at Brighton until 1994.

Lloyd is no stranger to the big occasion at Wembley, having been substitute for Fulham during their 2-0 F.A. Cup final defeat by West Ham in 1975.

His playing career spanned ten years, in which time he played for Chelsea, Hereford, Brentford and also had a spell with Houston Hurricanes, in America.

A back injury forced him to retire in 1978 and he had his first taste of management with non-league Yeovil Town. Four years later he took over at Worthing Town, where he remained until 1986.

In his four and half years at Brighton, Lloyd has developed a squad containing a useful blend of experience and

youth.

At present eight of the first team squad are over the age of 28 while six are under 25. The side recovered from a patchy start to the season, during which their inconsistency meant good wins were invariably followed by disappointing defeats, to move within a match of promotion.



THE SEAGULLS MAN IN CHARGE - BARRY LLOYD

The transformation began to take effect at the start of this year. In 14 League matches from January 6, they suffered only three defeats but more significantly notched up nine victories, a run which saw them climb seven places to fourth in the table and obtain valuable breathing space in the promotion battle.

Further evidence of the growing confidence within the side came in their dramatic F.A. Cup tie versus Liverpool. Against all odds they held the mighty Merseysiders 2-2 at Anfield and only lost the replay in extra-time having led 2-1.

The attacking flair displayed in those two games has stood them in good stead this season.

One of Lloyd's shrewdest moves in the transfer market was the purchase of

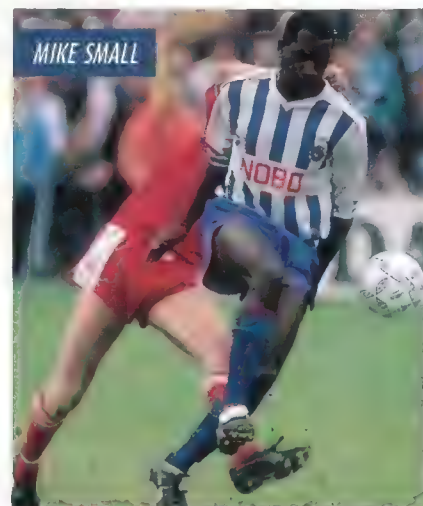
Republic of Ireland striker John Byrne, from French club Le Havre, for £125,000 last September.

Not only did his 11 goals boost their promotion drive, but it also increased competition for the central striker positions, something that was missing at the start of the season.

During the summer there was only one recognised striker on Brighton's books, namely Gary Nelson, last season's top scorer with 32 goals.

Clearly Lloyd needed to strengthen that department and the signing of Mike Small at the start of the season produced dividends immediately.

Small had spent much of his career playing abroad with Standard Liege, Belgium, and his calmness in front of goal is an outstanding feature of his game.



He was offered a permanent contract after scoring four times in pre-season matches and has continued that rich vein of form throughout the season, having collected 20 goals in all competitions.

So productive has been the Byrne/Small partnership that Nelson has more often than not been on the bench.

With other vastly experienced players such as Clive Walker, Colin Pates, Mark Barham and Steve Gattin all in the team, Lloyd has created a tough Second Division outfit that might make amends for their last Wembley appearance in 1983 - a 4-0 F.A. Cup Final replay drubbing by Manchester United - and win promotion to the First Division.

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BRIGHTON'S DEAN WILKINS



THE SEAGULLS SQUAD



PERRY DIGWEED

Joined Brighton from Fulham in January 1981 for £150,000. Had a spell on loan with West Brom five seasons ago. Made vital penalty save in last game of season, at 1-1 with Ipswich. Missed just four games this season. Born London. Age 31.

JOHN CRUMLIN

A defender formerly with Vauxhall League club Bognor Regis before £3,500 transfer took him to Brighton in March 1987. Had started with Portsmouth on YTS scheme but failed to make the first team. Ever present this season. Born Bath. Age 24.

IAN CHAPMAN

A defender who was one of the first graduates from FA School at Lilleshall, from which he joined Brighton. Made his debut at 16 years 259 days, the youngest ever at the club. On the transfer list. Born Brighton. Age 21.

NICKY BISSETT

Along with Codner he was signed from Barnet, in September 1988, for £115,000, then a record for a non-League player. Began career at Dagenham. A defender who has only recently returned to the first team after breaking a leg at the end of last season. Born Fulham. Age 27.

STEVE GATTING

Longest serving player at the club, having signed as a defender from Arsenal in September 1981 for £200,000. Member of 1983 Cup Final losing side. Brother of cricketer Mike, and plays himself in Sussex League. This is his testimonial year. Born Park Royal. Age 32.



COLIN PATES

Former Chelsea and Charlton defender on loan at Brighton from Arsenal since March. Loan has been extended until after the play-offs. George Graham brought him to Highbury as cover for central defender. Born Mitcham. Age 29.



ROBERT CODNER

Former Leicester professional who was signed from then GM Vauxhall side Barnet for £115,000, then a record for a non-League player. A midfielder who also works as a financial advisor in London. Transfer listed at present. Born Walthamstow. Age 26.



JOHN ROBINSON

Midfielder who joined club as a trainee in July 1988, signing professional forms at the end of last season. Prior to that he had only made five appearances but has been on the team sheet 17 times this season. Born Rhodesia. Age 19.



CLIVE WALKER

Experienced, well-travelled winger who started in 1974 with Chelsea. Ten years later joined Sunderland before returning to London with QPR and most recently Fulham. Signed pre-season for £26,000 and has only missed two games. Born Oxford. Age 34.

JOHN BYRNE

The former QPR forward has proved an excellent buy since his £125,000 transfer in September, from French club Le Havre. Ten League and FA Cup goals this season. The Republic of Ireland international had a cartilage operation on May 15. Born Manchester. Age 30.

BRYAN WADE

Former Swansea and Swindon forward who at the start of the season had a trial and was consequently offered a contract until the end of season. Scored on his debut and four in his home debut against Newcastle in January. Born Bath. Age 27.

MICHAEL SMALL

A £50,000 fee brought the striker to Brighton at the start of the season, from Salonika. Started at Luton before playing abroad in Belgium, Holland and Greece. Top scorer this season with 20 goals which included two against Liverpool in the FA Cup. Born Birmingham. Age 27.

GARY CHIVERS

Signed for Brighton in March 1988 from Watford, for £40,000. He spent five months at Watford after transfer from QPR. Made 183 League appearances for first club Chelsea before move to Swansea. Four League goals this season. Born Stockwell. Age 31.

DEAN WILKINS

Captain, younger brother of Ray, in his second spell with club having signed from Dutch club FC Zwolle June 1987 for £10,000. A midfielder who started his career with QPR, before moving to Brighton in 1983. Scored seven League goals this season. Born Hillingdon. Age 28.



MARK BARHAM

A winger who joined the club on a trial in December 1989, but impressive displays won him a full contract. Had nine seasons at Norwich, playing for England twice in that time. Other clubs Huddersfield, Middlesbrough and West Brom. Born Folkestone. Age 29.

GARRY NELSON

Started with local club Southend in 1979, transferring to Swindon four years later. Signed by Brighton in £72,000 deal from Plymouth in July 1987. Five League goals this season. On the transfer list after losing his place in the forward line. Born Southend. Age 30.

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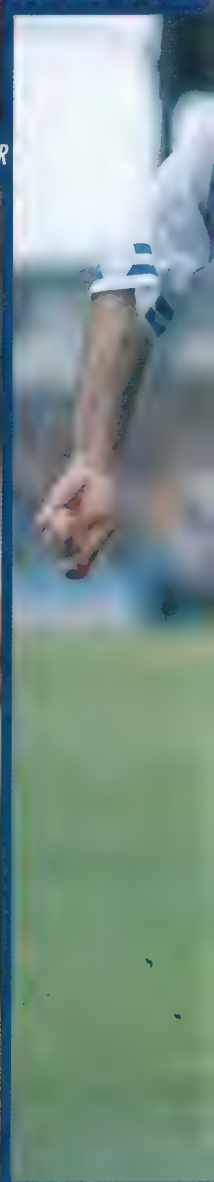
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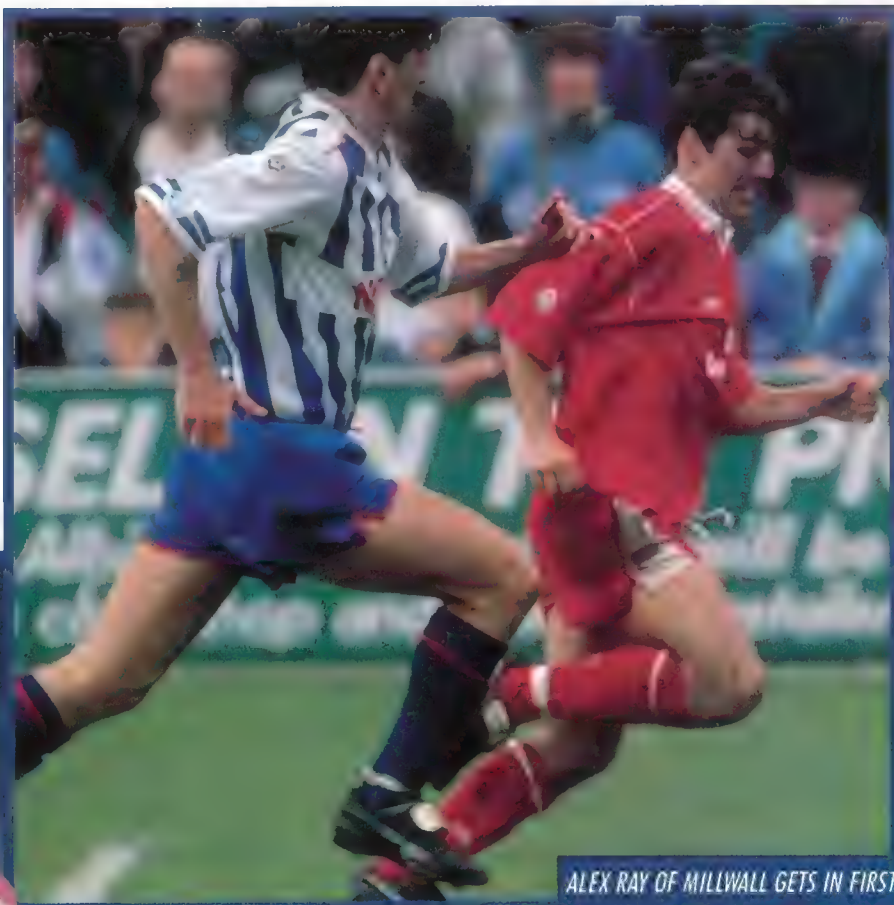
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BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINALS

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MANAGER: BILLY AYRE

BLACKPOOL

COLOURS: ORANGE SHIRTS, WHITE SHORTS, ORANGE SOCKS WITH WHITE TOPS.
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MANAGER: PHIL NEAL

BOLTON WANDERERS

COLOURS: WHITE SHIRTS, NAVY BLUE SHORTS, NAVY BLUE SOCKS.
CHANGE COLOURS: BLUE SHIRTS, WHITE SHORTS, RED SOCKS.

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MANAGER: BARRY LLOYD

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COLOURS: BLUE & WHITE STRIPED SHIRTS, BLUE SHORTS, BLUE SOCKS.
CHANGE COLOURS: WHITE SHIRTS WITH RED PATTENED CHECK, RED SHORTS, RED SOCKS.

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MANAGER: JOHN IMPEY

TORQUAY UNITED

COLOURS: YELLOW & WHITE STRIPED SHIRTS, NAVY SHORTS, YELLOW SOCKS, NAVY TRIM.
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MANAGER: JOHN KING

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MANAGER: NEIL WARNOCK

NOTTS COUNTY

COLOURS: BLACK & WHITE STRIPED SHIRTS, BLACK SHORTS, WHITE SOCKS.
CHANGE COLOURS: ALL SKY BLUE.

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call (0898) 12 16 41.

Ground capacity: 5,539.

Record attendance: 21,908 v Hudders-
field T, F.A. Cup 4th rd, 12th January
1955.

Record receipts: £21,000 v West Ham
U, F.A. Cup 3rd rd, 6th January 1990.

Pitch measurements: 112yd x 74yd.

President: A.J. Boyce.

Chairman: M. Bateson.

Vice-Chairman: M. Benney.

Directors: W.W. Rogers, I. Hayman,
F.M. Mosley, TD, M. Beer, D.F. Turner, D.
Wilson.

Team Manager: John Impey.

Assistant Manager: Russell Musker.

Physio: Norman Medhurst.

Club Secretary: D.F. Turner.

Company Secretary: C. Olney.

Lottery Administrators: C. Munslow and
A. Sandford.

Nickname: 'The Gulls'.

Year Formed: 1898.

Turned Professional: 1921.

Ltd Co: 1921.

Previous Name: 1910, Torquay Town;
1921, Torquay United.

Previous Grounds: 1898 Teignmouth
Road; 1901 Torquay Recreation
Ground; 1905 Cricket Field Road;
1907-10 Torquay Cricket Ground.

Record League Victory: 9-0 v Swindon
T, Division 3 (S), 8th March 1952 –
George Webber; Topping, Ralph Cal-
land; Brown, Eric Webber, Towers;
Shaw (1), Marchant (1), Northcott (2),
Collins (3), Edds (2).

Record Cup Victory: 7-1 v Northamp-
ton T, F.A. Cup 1st rd, 14th November
1959 – Gill; Penford, Downs; Bettany,
George Northcott, Rawson; Baxter,
Cox, Tommy Northcott (1), Bond (3),
Pym (3).

Record Defeat: 2-10 v Fulham, Division
3 (S), 7th September 1931 and v Luton T,
Division 3 (S), 2nd September 1933.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 60,
Division 4, 1959-60.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 77,
Division 4, 1987-88.

Most League Goals: 89, Division 3 (S),
1956-57.

Highest League Scorer in Season:

Sammy Collins, 40, Division 3 (S),
1955-56.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate:
Sammy Collins, 204, 1948-58.

Most Capped Player: None.

Most League Appearances: Dennis
Lewis, 443, 1947-59.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £180,000
from Manchester U for Lee Sharpe,
May 1988.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £60,000 to
Dundee for Wes Saunders, July 1990.

Football League Record: 1927 Elected
to Division 3 (S); 1958-60 Division 4;
1960-62 Division 3; 1962-66 Division 4;
1966-72 Division 3; 1972-Division 4.

Honours: Football League: Division 3 –
best season 4th, 1967-68. Division 3 (S)

– Runners-up 1956-57. Division 4 –
Promoted 1959-60 (3rd), 1965-66

(3rd). F.A. Cup: best season 4th rd,
1949, 1955, 1971, 1983, 1990. Football

League Cup: never past 3rd rd. Sherpa
Van Trophy: Runners-up 1989.

Colours: Yellow & white striped shirts
navy trim, navy shorts, yellow socks
navy trim. Change colours: Purple
shirts, white shorts, purple socks.



BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: WHISTON, TYNAN, HODGE, ELLIOT, SAUNDERS, HOLMES, ROWLAND, HALL. MIDDLE ROW: LORAM, EDWARDS, UZZELL, HOWELLS, HOYCE, CURRAN, MYERS. FRONT ROW: MORRISON, MEDHURST (PHYSIOTHERAPIST), FOSTER (DOCTOR), MUSKER (ASSISTANT MANAGER), IMPEY (MANAGER), BATESON (CHAIRMAN), JAMES (YOUTH DEV. OFF), HOLMES.

Torquay United

TORQUAY COAST IN

IN the end, Torquay, were pushed to make the 1991 Fourth Division play-offs which was suprising considering the superb start they had to the season.

The side, then under the management of Dave Smith, set a club record. In their first 14 games between August and November they were unbeaten, recording nine wins and five draws.

They did suffer one defeat in that period – but only against First Division Manchester City, in the Rumbelows Cup, when they were on the wrong end of a 4-0 scoreline.

But their tremendous form in the League came to an abrupt halt on November 9, with a 1-0 defeat at Scarborough, which started a sequence of six matches without victory.

Having been at the top of the table throughout October and November, they entered December and suddenly found the chasing pack overtaking them. A month and a half later, after further disappointing results, they were in sixth position, five points behind leaders Northampton.

They then fell further to 12th position and suddenly the play-offs looked a long way off. But a strong finish, five wins in their last eight matches, including a 2-1 win against York in the last game of the season clinched the third play-off spot.

But the poor form midway through the season prompted manager Smith to resign on April 2, opening the way for his assistant manager John Impey to be appointed caretaker manager for the rest of the season.

Impey had started the season as youth development officer but in March was appointed Smith's assistant.

Within four weeks he found himself in charge of the first team and has since held the team together and at the beginning of May was rewarded by being made full-time manager.

He is no stranger to the area having been born in Devon and his playing career included a spell at Torquay. His other clubs were Cardiff, Exeter and Bournemouth.

The 37-year-old who represented England at both Schoolboy and Youth level, certainly could never have envisaged such a rapid rise into management at the start of the season.

He inherited a strong squad from

Smith, who took over the helm in October 1989. Smith was always keen to blood youngsters and with seven of the squad under 24, this has clearly paid dividends.

His dealings in the transfer market can only be admired. Several players were acquired on free transfers, most notably the ageless Tommy Tynan.

The 35-year-old striker, after four successful seasons at Plymouth, signed for Torquay last summer. He stepped into a playing/coaching job but since the departure of Smith has reverted back to a player only role.



TORQUAY MANAGER - JOHN IMPEY

Tynan took to Torquay a remarkable scoring record, he is one of a select few to have scored over 300 goals in his career, and this form did not desert him on his arrival at the club.

His 19 goals this season have been a major factor behind them making the play-offs and despite only making one appearance since the end of March, he was still the club's top scorer at the end of the League campaign.

Tynan has been more than ably supported in attack by Dean Edwards who has had the experience of playing at Wembley and scoring, although his goal in the Sherpa Van Trophy final of 1988 was the only bright spot in Torquay's 4-1 defeat by Bolton.

Edwards, 29, has 16 goals to his name this season and his consistency in

front of goal combined with Tynan's has made Torquay a formidable force going forward.



MATTHEW ELLIOT - A FINE YOUNGSTER

The blend of youth and experience in defence has worked to the side's advantage. Captain John Uzzell and Matthew Elliott have proved a formidable obstacle. Uzzell's professionalism and enthusiasm has been a real benefit to the club and has no doubt been a major influence on Elliott's emergence as a fine player.

This is not the first time Torquay have made the Fourth Division play-offs, in 1988 they missed out after losing to Swansea over two legs 5-4.

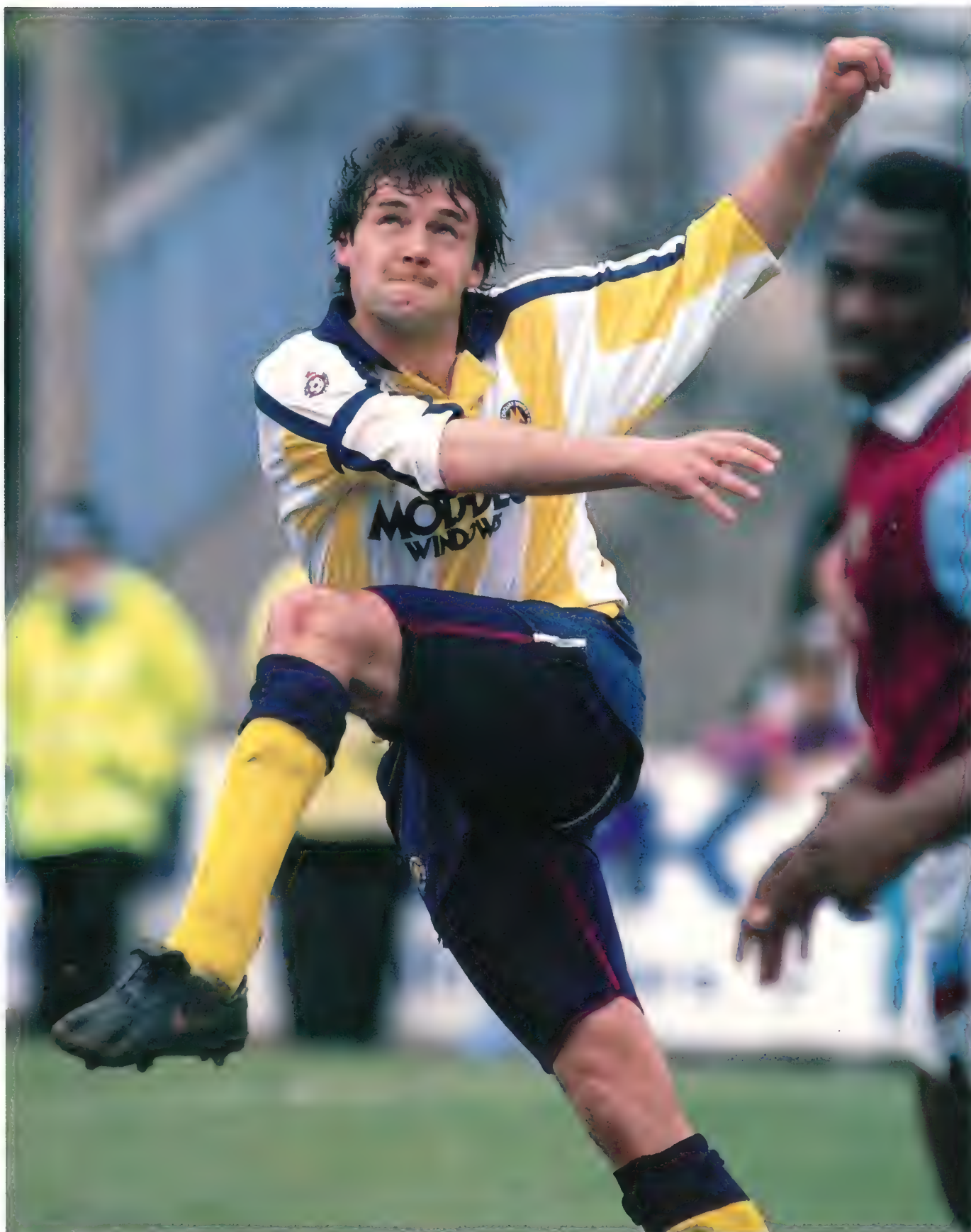
But if they make it into the Third Division this time they certainly will have taken one of the longest routes ever out of the Fourth Division.

From their Devon base, their shortest away trip is 288 miles and their longest a staggering 756 to Carlisle. It is estimated they have clocked up some 250,000 miles in 19 years of attempting to win promotion.

It is the large number of northern clubs in the Fourth Division that makes for such long journeys, so what greater incentive can there be for Torquay winning today and at least securing a sensible derby trip just up the road to Exeter?

Torquay United

TORQUAY'S WES SAUNDERS



THE BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

thirty nine

Torquay United

TORQUAY'S SQUAD



GARETH HOWELLS

Goalkeeper signed from Tottenham in September after a short spell on loan, he joined on a free transfer. Brother of Spurs midfielder David he has missed just one game all season and has kept 14 clean sheets. Born Guildford. Age 20.

CHRIS CURRAN

Accepted by Torquay on two years YTS Scheme and signed professional forms before the start of the season. A versatile member of the squad who can play either in midfield or defence. Struggled to gain a first team place until late on in the season. Born Birmingham. Age 19.

CHRIS MYERS

He was first with the club on a YTS scheme for two years, then after a year contract, was not kept on at end of 1987/88 season. Had two seasons away before he rejoined after trials last summer. Son of former Torquay player Cliff Myers. Born Yeovil. Age 21.

PAUL HOLMES

A 5ft 10in defender signed in 1988 for £6,000 from Doncaster Rovers, for whom he made 52 appearances. Did not start a game this season until April, but played in last five League matches. Born Sheffield. Age 23.



SEAN JOYCE

Started career with local side Doncaster Rovers. Made 47 appearances for them before joining Torquay in August 1988 on a free transfer, after being on loan at Exeter. Missed most of last season with a knee injury. Midfielder. Born Doncaster. Age 24.

JOHN UZZELL

Career began with local side Plymouth Argyle in 1977. Twelve years and 302 League games later he signed for Torquay in August 1989 at a cost of £11,000. Captain who has missed just one match all season. Defender. Born Plymouth. Age 32.



WES SAUNDERS

With Scottish club Dundee before moving south to Torquay at the beginning of the season, for £60,000, a club record. A defender who has also been at Newcastle, Carlisle and a spell on loan at Bradford. Defender. Born Sunderland. Age 37.

MATTHEW ELLIOTT

After failing to make the grade with first club Charlton Athletic, he joined Torquay in March 1989 for £10,000, after a loan spell. Made his full debut during the 1988/89 season and has scored five League goals this season. Born Epsom. Age 22.

—ANDY ROWLAND—

A striker signed in March this year from Southampton in a £25,000 deal. Failed to make the grade at the Dell and has more often than not been on the bench at Torquay. Nine appearances this season before play-offs. Born Taunton. Age 23.

—PETER WHISTON—

Another to have been reunited with former manager Dave Smith having played under him while at Plymouth. After a loan period last season signed permanently during the summer on a free transfer. Versatile midfielder. Born Widnes. Age 23.

—MICK HOLMES—

Signed from Rochdale in £10,000 transfer in December 1990. Formerly with Cambridge Utd before free transfer to Rochdale. Well travelled midfielder whose other clubs include Bradford, Burnley, Wolves and Huddersfield. Born Blackpool. Age 25.

—PAUL SMITH—

His first club was Arsenal but failed to make an impact so left for Brentford. But after 17 games was on move to Bristol Rovers. In March 1989 signed for Torquay, for £10,000. Winger firmly established in first team although missed the last two games of season. Born London. Age 23.

—STEWART EVANS—

Played 15 League games since joining club on loan in September from Rotherham scoring five times. His loan period has been extended to include the play-offs. The 6ft 3in striker's other clubs include Sheffield Utd, Wimbledon, West Brom and Plymouth. Born Maltby. Age 30.

—TOMMY TYNAN—

Joined Torquay on a free transfer from Plymouth in May last year. One of select strikers to have scored over 300 goals in career and is this season top scorer with 19 League and Cup goals. Other clubs include Swansea and Rotherham. Born Liverpool. Age 35.



—DEAN EDWARDS—

Wolverhampton born striker who played for Shrewsbury, Telford, Wolves and Exeter before signing for Torquay in July 1988 at a cost of £6,000. Scored at Wembley in 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy final and scored 16 goals up until play-offs. Age 29.



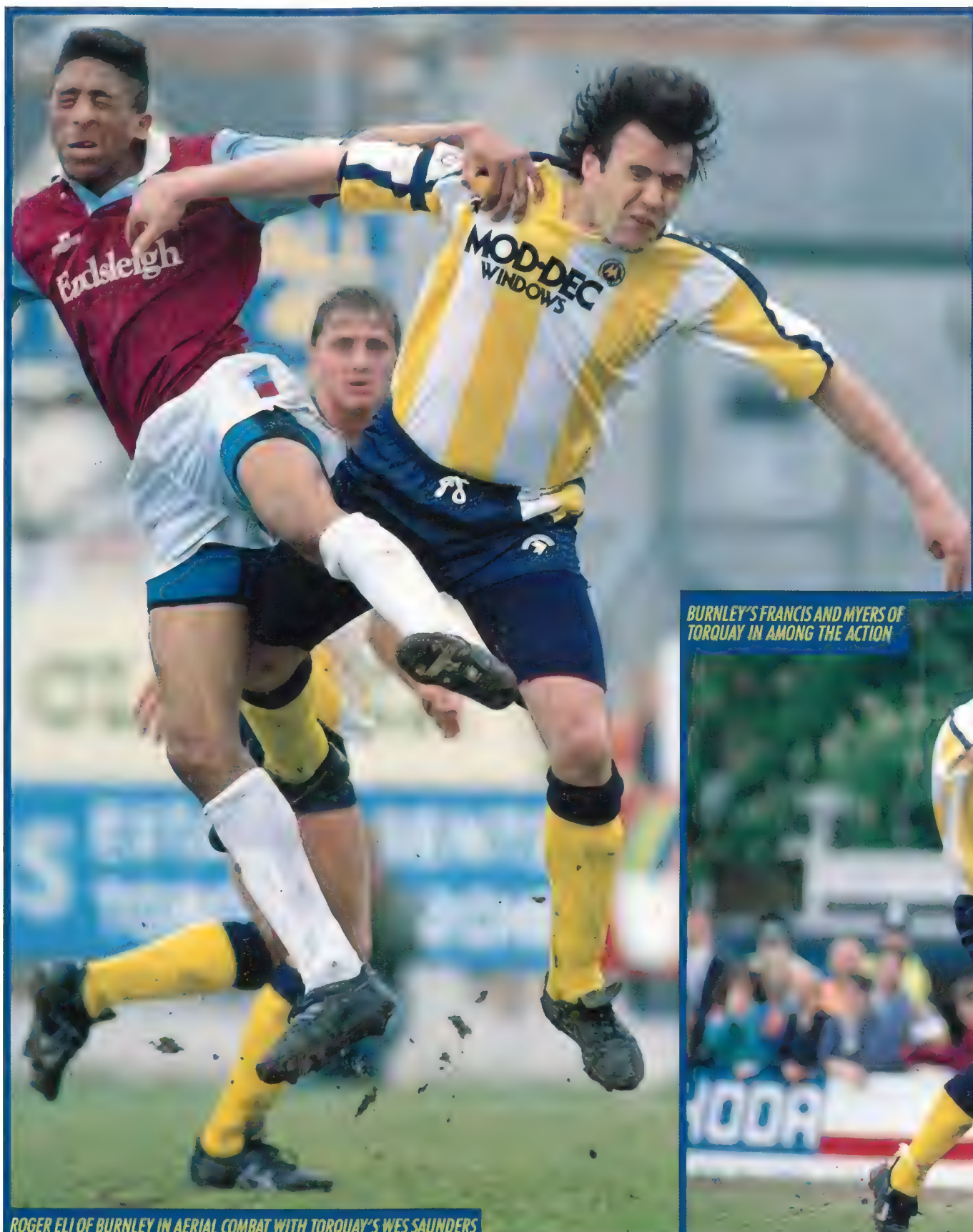
—MARK LORAM—

In his second spell with the club, in between he was with QPR, although never made first team appearance for them. Returned in March 1987 on a free transfer. A diabetic, he was last season's top scorer and has eight League goals this season. Forward. Born Brixham. Age 23.



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ROGER ELI OF BURNLEY IN AERIAL COMBAT WITH TORQUAY'S WES SAUNDERS

BURNLEY'S FRANCIS AND MYERS OF
TORQUAY IN AMONG THE ACTION



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DEAN EDWARDS OF TORQUAY UNDER PRESSURE FROM ANDY FARRELL OF BURNLEY



WES SAUNDERS AND ANDY FARRELL IN MORE ACTION



Barclays League LEAGUE ROUND-UP



BARCLAYS LEAGUE

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ARSENAL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

It's been another fantastic finish to a season that has never lacked in incident – on-field and off!

Arsenal's amazing 9 months finished with a goal flurry which set the icing on the cake: and provided the record book with the detail of only one defeat during their whole Barclays League campaign.

Oldham Athletic's injury time Division Two triumph set the Television results service on its head and provided manager Joe Royle with ample compensation for his bitter triple disappointment in League, League Cup and F.A. Cup last year.

Cambridge United's Third Division Barclays trophy success was a dream come true for manager John Beck who one year ago triumphed right here in the Division Four Play-Offs at Wembley.

Darlington's rise from non-League football to take the Division Four Barclays title was a tribute to the managerial skills of Brian Little.

Now for the Barclays League Play-Off Finals: this is the fifth year of the Play Offs – and the second year at Wembley.

Last season's inaugural Wembley climax proved a huge success in every way: particularly the principal factor concerning the move, namely the safety and security of supporters attending the games.

The fans were beautifully behaved in a real carnival of soccer weekend; and one of the defeated teams' managers, John King of Tranmere Rovers, put it in a nut-shell: "It's a lovely feeling playing at Wembley for players – it's a nice place to play the Play Offs."

Dennis Smith of Sunderland, also defeated (in the match at Wembley, anyway) added: "Any young boy wants to play at Wembley – it's a brilliant idea!"

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JOHN BECK OF CAMBRIDGE UNITED, RECEIVES
HIS DIVISION 3 BARCLAYS MANAGER OF THE
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Year Formed: 1885.

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Ltd Co: 1912.

Club Nickname: 'The Rovers'.

Previous Names: Belmont AFC 1884-85.

Previous Grounds: 1884 Steeles Field; 1887 Old Prenton Park (Temple Road); 1912 Prenton Park.

Record League Victory: 13-4 v Oldham Athletic, Division 3 (N), 26th December 1935.

Record Cup Victory: 13-0 v Oswestry Town, F.A. Cup Qualifying rd 1, 10th October 1914.

Record Defeat: 1-9 v Tottenham H, F.A. Cup 3rd rd replay, 14th January 1953.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 60, Division 4, 1964-65.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 80, Division 4, 1988-89; Division 3, 1989-90.

Most League Goals: 111, Division 3 (N), 1930-31.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Bunny Bell, 35, Division 3 (N), 1933-34.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: Ian Muir, 118, 1985-91.

Most Capped Player: Albert Gray, 3 (24), Wales.

Most League Appearances: Harold Bell, 594, 1946-64 (inc League record 401 consecutive appearances).

Record Transfer Fee Received: £120,000 from Cardiff City for Ronnie Moore, February 1979.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £125,000 to Manchester City for Neil McNab, January 1990.

Football League Record: 1921 original member of Division 3 (N); 1938-39 Division 2; 1946-58 Division 3 (N); 1958-61 Division 3; 1961-67 Division 4; 1967-75 Division 3; 1975-76 Division 4; 1976-77 Division 3; 1979-89 Division 4; 1989- Division 3.

Honours: Football League: Division 2 – best season 22nd 1938-39; Division 3 (N) – Champions 1937-38; Promotion to Division 3 1966-67, 1975-76; Division 4 – Runners-up 1988-89. F.A. Cup: best season: 5th rd, 1967-68. Football League Cup: best season: 4th rd, 1961, 1982, 1989. Welsh Cup: Winners 1935. Runners-up 1934. Leyland DAF Cup Winners 1989-90.

Colours: All white. Change colours: Claret shirts, sky blue sleeves, sky blue shorts, sky blue stockings.

MERSEYSIDE'S "OTHER CLUB"

WEMBLEY has often been referred to as the second home of Liverpool and Everton such is the regularity of their success in the major cup competitions.

But over the past 12 months, the famous twin towers have been a familiar sight for Merseyside's "other club" who have lived in the shadows of their illustrious neighbours throughout their history.

Tranmere Rovers are at the home of English football for the fourth time in just under a year having repeated last year's feat of reaching the Third Division play-off and Leyland Daf Finals.

The little Birkenhead club experienced mixed fortunes in their two showpiece appearances last season.

They defeated newly crowned Third Division Champions Bristol Rovers 2-1 to lift the Leyland Daf Trophy but a week later their hopes of earning Second Division status were dashed after a 2-0 defeat by Notts County.

Last week, Tranmere were back to defend the Leyland Daf Trophy against Birmingham but whatever the outcome of that game, manager John King's main ambition this season has been promotion to the Second Division.

Now in his second spell at Prenton Park, King originally became manager in 1975 in succession to Ron Yeats, the former long-serving Liverpool defender, and in his first season the club were promoted to Division Three.

But two seasons later they were relegated and at the end of the 1979-80 season, when Rovers finished 15th in Division Four, King was sacked.

He joined Rochdale as a coach and also managed Northwich, twice taking them to Wembley in the F.A. Trophy, winning once, and Caernarfon, before returning to Tranmere in April 1987.

Cash from those two Wembley matches was made available to strengthen the team but King was convinced the players he already had were good enough to earn promotion.

Indeed, such was King's belief in his present squad that he made just one major signing this season, striker Steve Cooper, £100,000 from Barnsley in December.

King's loyalty has been rewarded as his charges reached Wembley at the double for the second successive season although they needed a run of 10



ROVERS MANAGER - JOHN KING

wins from the final 14 League games to clinch a play-off place.

The strength of Rovers squad was emphasised by the fact that for the most part they managed that successful run without the services of 21-goal top scorer Ian Muir, who missed the remainder of the League season after damaging knee ligaments against Chester on March 23.

But the foundation for their success this season has been a solid defence — only Cambridge and Grimsby conceded less goals in the League — well marshalled by former Manchester City goalkeeper Eric Nixon who, along with midfielder Neil McNab, was named in the PFA's Third Division team of the season in March.

It is all a remarkable transformation for the club which in November 1982 announced that, because of dire financial problems — a weekly loss of £2,500 on gates of barely 2,000 — they would be closing down weeks later. The club were at the bottom of the Fourth Division at the time.

Many hands were turned to help general manager Jack Butterfield and team manager Bryan Hamilton in the round-the-clock survival efforts.

A "Save the Rovers" public appeal



JIM STEEL - A WEMBLEY SCORER LAST YEAR

was launched, the liquidation date was delayed day by precious day, a friendly played by Manchester United at Prenton Park boosted funds by £8,000 and a similar visit by Liverpool attracted 6,000 fans.

At much later than the eleventh hour, Tranmere were finally saved by selling off part of the club car-park for £100,000 and by a £200,000 loan from Wirral Council.

Since then, attendances have risen, the debts have gone and the club has been able to lay the foundations for a bright and exciting future.

Promotion to the Second Division for only the second time in their history would be another step towards shaking off Rovers tag as Merseyside's "other" club.

Tranmere Rovers

PRENTON PARK'S JIM STEEL



THE BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

forty nine

MEN FROM MERSEY



ERIC NIXON

Cost Tranmere a then club record £60,000 from Manchester City in July 1988. In 1986-87, he became the first player to appear in all four divisions of the Football League after loan spells at Southampton, Bradford, Wolves and Carlisle. Was named in the P.F.A's Third Division team of the season in March. Born Manchester. Age 28.

GED BRANNAN

19-year-old utility player who is in his first season as a professional. Made his senior debut as a substitute against Mansfield last October. Has played in defence and midfield, appearing in 18 League matches this season, four as substitute. Born Liverpool.

MARK HUGHES

29-year-old defender, he joined Tranmere from Bristol City in 1985 for £3,000. Previously with Torquay, Swansea and Bristol Rovers, he made his 200th League appearance for the club in February against Huddersfield. Played 42 League matches this season, scoring twice. Former Wales youth international. Born Port Talbot.



TONY THOMAS

A versatile player, he is equally at home in defence or midfield. Made his senior debut for the club during the 1988-89 season at the age of 17. Has scored four goals in 33 League appearances this season. Born Liverpool. Age 19.

DAVE HIGGINS

Central defender now in his second spell at the club. Joined Tranmere from non-League Eagle in June 1983. After two seasons he moved back into non-League football to play for South Liverpool and Caernarfon, returning to Prenton Park in 1987. Missed the Division Three Play-Off Finals last season through suspension. Born Liverpool. Age 29.

STEVE VICKERS

Central defender who is equally comfortable on the ground as he is in the air. Joined Tranmere from Northern League side, Spennymoor United, before the start of the 1985-86 season. Made his 200th League appearance for the club against Fulham in February. Born Bishop Auckland. Age 23.



STEVE MUNGALL

Tranmere's longest serving current player. Played his 400th League match for the club against Bolton in March. A popular defender, he joined Tranmere from Motherwell in 1979. Scored his only League goal of the season against Huddersfield in February. Born Bellshill. Age 33.

SHAUN GARNETT

A product of Tranmere's youth scheme, he signed professional forms for the club in June 1988 and made his League debut during season 1987-88. Proved a highly capable deputy when he replaced the suspended Higgins in last season's Play-Off Finals at Wembley. Born Wallasey. Age 21.



— **NEIL McNAB** —

Became Tranmere's record signing when he signed from Manchester City in January 1990 for £125,000. Has previously played for Morton, Tottenham, Bolton, Brighton, Leeds (loan), and Portsmouth (loan). Has represented Scotland at schoolboy and under-21 level. Born Greenock. Age 33.

— **JOHN MORRISSEY** —

A former England youth international, he joined the club in October 1985 for £8,000 after spells with Everton and Wolves. Made his 200th League appearance for the club against Crewe in February. Was the club's second highest League goalscorer this season behind the injured Ian Muir (12) with nine goals. Born Liverpool. Age 26.

— **STEVE COOPER** —

Joined Tranmere for £100,000 from Barnsley in December 1990. Began his career with his home-town club Birmingham before moving on to Halifax (loan), Mansfield (loan), Newport and Plymouth. A striker, he scored twice in Tranmere's final three League matches. Age 26.

— **JIM HARVEY** —

Midfielder and club captain. Began his career at Arsenal before moving on to Hereford (after loan spell), Bristol City and Wrexham (loan). Joined Tranmere in October 1987 for £25,000. Has been capped by Northern Ireland at under-23 level and is Tranmere's free-kick specialist. Born Lurgan. Age 33.



— **CHRIS MALKIN** —

Joined Tranmere in July 1987 after spells with non-League Stork and Overpool. Made an important contribution last season, scoring 21 goals in all competitions. For a 6ft 3in striker, he has tremendous speed and can run 100 metres in just over 10 seconds. Made 25 League appearances this season, 13 as a substitute. Born Bebington. Age 23.

— **DAVE MARTINDALE** —

One of the club's most astute buys. He joined the club from non-League Caernarfon in 1987 for £1,500. Started his career with Liverpool as an apprentice before moving to non-League Southport and Runcorn. Has appeared in 11 League matches this season, nine as a substitute. Born Liverpool. Age 27.



— **JIM STEEL** —

Striker who began his career with Oldham and played for Wigan (loan), Port Vale and Wrexham before joining Tranmere for £50,000 in October 1987. Missed only two League matches all season against Chester and the final game of the season against Bury. Born Dumfries. Age 31.

— **KENNY IRONS** —

Another player to have graduated through Tranmere's youth ranks. An exciting winger, his three appearances last season all came as substitute. Still only 20, he has now fully established himself as a regular first team squad member, appearing in 32 League matches this season, six goals. Born Liverpool.

Tranmere Rovers

TRANMERE ROVERS ALL ACTION



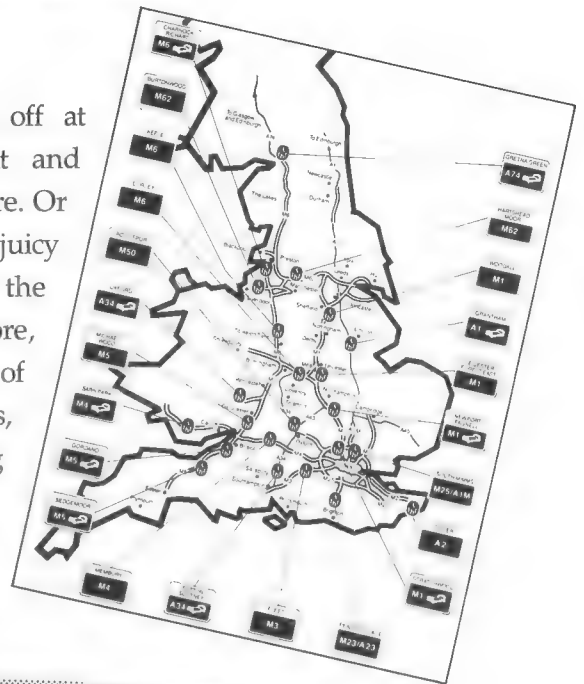
DAVE HIGGINS AND BRISTOL'S CARL SAUNDERS IN A HEADING DUEL

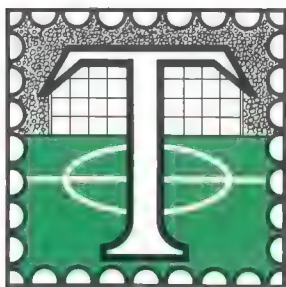


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Ground capacity: 20,834.

Record attendance: 47,310 v York C, F.A. Cup 6th rd, 12 March, 1955.

Record receipts: £63,505 v Everton, F.A. Cup 6th rd, 10 March, 1984.

Pitch measurements: 114yd x 74yd.

Chairman: D.C. Pavis.

Vice Chairman: J. Mounteney.

President: Frank Sherwood.

Directors: W.A. Hopcroft, M. Pavis.

Team Manager: Neil Warnock.

Commercial manager: Fiona Green.

Coach: Mick Jones.

Chief Executive: N.E. Hook, M, INST.M.

Physio: David Wilson, BA, MCSP, DIPTP, GRAD DIP PHYS SRP.

Year Formed: 1862* (see foundation).

Turned Professional: 1885.

Ltd Co: 1888.

Previous Grounds: 1862 The Park; 1864 The Meadows; 1877 Beeston Cricket Ground; 1880 Castle Ground; 1883 Trent Bridge; 1910 Meadow Lane.

Club Nickname: 'Magpies'.

Record League Victory: 11-1 v Newport C, Division 3 (S), 15th January 1949 – Smith; Southwell, Purvis; Gannon, Baxter, Adamson; Houghton (1), Sewell (4), Lawton (4), Pimbley, Johnston (2).

Record Cup Victory: 15-0 v Rotherham T (at Trent Bridge), F.A. Cup 1st rd, 24th October, 1885 – Sherwin; Snook, H.T. Moore; Dobson (1), Emmett (1), Chapman; Gunn (1), Albert Moore (2), Jackson (3), Daft (2), Cursham (4), (1 og).

Record Defeat: 1-9 v Blackburn R, Division 1, 16th November 1889 and v Aston Villa, Division 1, 29th September 1888 and v Portsmouth, Division 2, 9th April 1927.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 69, Division 4, 1970-71.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 87, Division 3, 1989-90.

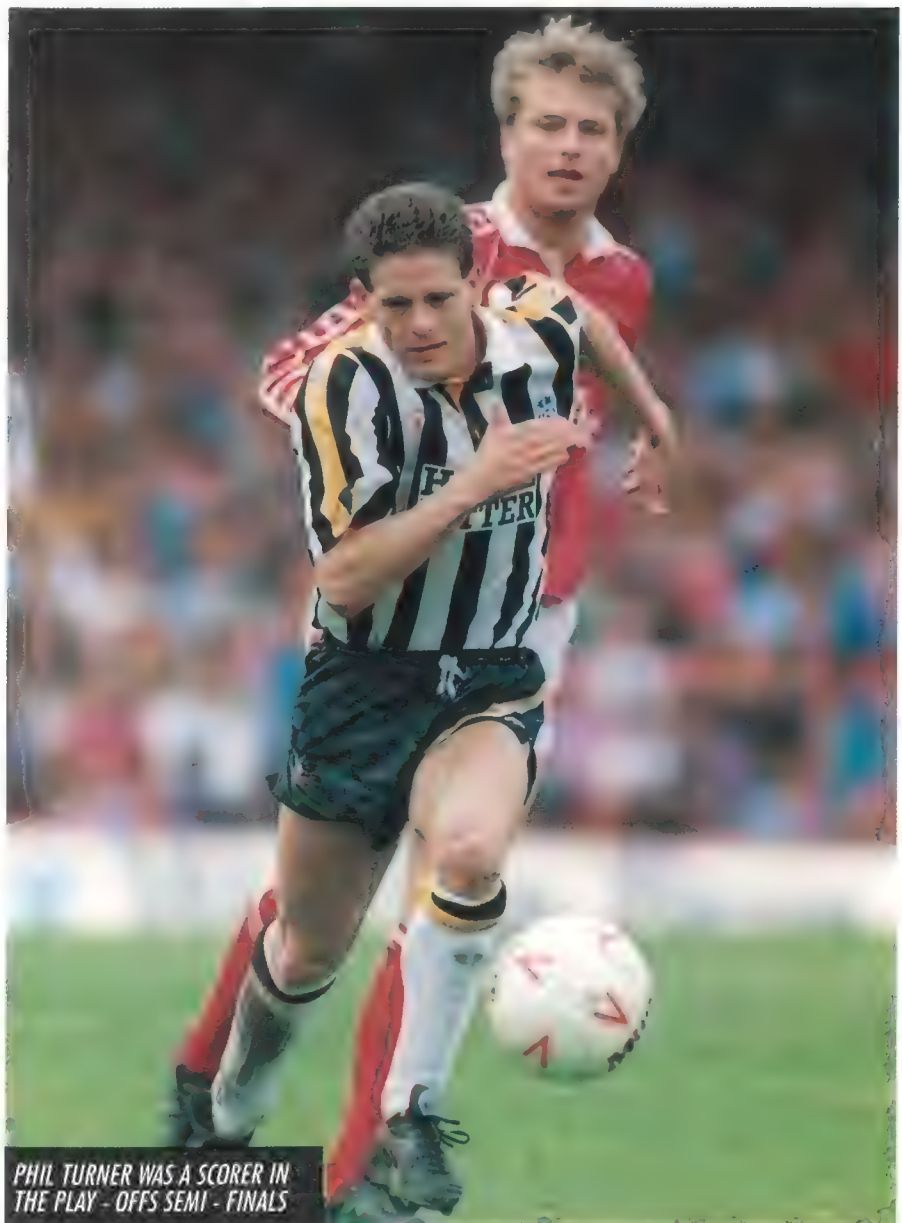
Most League Goals: 107, Division 4, 1959-60.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Tom Keetley, 39, Division 3 (S), 1930-31.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: Les Bradd, 124, 1967-78.

Most Capped Player: Harry Cursham, 8, England; Martin O'Neill, 8, Northern Ireland.

Most League Appearances: Albert Iremonger, 564, 1904-26.



PHIL TURNER WAS A SCORER IN THE PLAY-OFFS SEMI-FINALS

Record Transfer Fee Received: £350,000 from Tottenham H for John Chiedozie, August 1984.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £600,000 to Orient for John Chiedozie, August 1981.

Football League Record: 1888 Founder Member of the Football League; 1893-97 Division 2; 1897-1913 Division 1; 1913-14 Division 2; 1914-20 Division 1; 1920-23 Division 2; 1923-26 Division 1; 1926-30 Division 2; 1930-31 Division 3 (S); 1931-35 Division 2; 1935-50 Division 3 (S); 1950-58 Division 2; 1958-59 Division 3; 1959-60 Division 4; 1960-64 Division 3; 1964-71 Division 4; 1971-73 Division 3; 1973-81 Division 2; 1981-84 Division 1; 1984-85 Division 2;

1985-90 Division 3; 1990-Division 2.

Honours: Football League: Division 1 – best season 3rd, 1890-91, 1900-01. Division 2 – Champions 1896-97, 1913-14, 1922-23; Runners-up 1894-95, 1980-81. Division 3 (S) – Champions 1930-31, 1949-50; Runners-up 1936-37. Division 3 – Runners-up 1972-73. Division 4 – Champions 1970-71; Runners-up 1959-60. F.A. Cup: Winners 1893-94; Runners-up 1890-91. Football League Cup: best season 5th rd, 1963-64, 1972-73, 1975-76.

Colours: Black and white broad striped shirts, amber sleeve and neck trim, black shorts, with white side flash, white stockings. Change colours: All sky blue.

THE MAGPIES

The city of Nottingham has enjoyed a double end-of-season celebration with Forest having reached the F.A. Cup Final and now County following them to Wembley for the Second Division play-off decider.

For County, today's match presents them with the chance of a unique double. Just 12 months ago they were here for the Third Division play-off final and beat Tranmere 2-0.

Reaching Wembley is the culmination of a fine season for the oldest club in the Football League, founded in 1862.

Many commentators had predicted a tough time for Neil Warnock's side in the Second Division but they confounded their critics right from the start.

County won six of their first eight games and it quickly became evident that the club had every opportunity of winning promotion.

They were on the fringe of the play-offs right up until April before reeling off seven straight wins to the end of the season to capture fourth place.

Successes included a 2-1 win at play-off rivals Millwall, a 2-0 defeat of eventual champions Oldham and a 2-1 victory at Upton Park on the final day of the season to deny West Ham the Second Division title.

Progress in the League took a back seat, though, as County pursued another route to Wembley via the F.A. Cup. (Their only Cup Final win was way back in 1894).

They beat Hull 5-2 in the third round, then Oldham 2-0 in the fourth and Manchester City were the visitors at Meadow Lane in the fifth round.

City threw everything at the Second Division side but with goalkeeper Steve Cherry in inspired form, County hung on. And in the dying seconds, striker Gary Lund, only playing because first choice forward Dave Regis was Cup-tied, snatched victory with the only goal of the game.

Their reward was a quarter-final appearance at White Hart Lane which was broadcast live on TV.

By half-time a real upset was in the offing courtesy of Don O'Riordan's stunning 20-yard drive. Tottenham rallied, though, and goals from Nayim and the irrepressible Paul Gascoigne ended County's resistance.

For manager Warnock, that after-

noon in the company of Venables, Lineker, Gascoigne and others, gave him a brief taste of the high life something he rarely witnessed as either a player or manager.

The 42-year-old's playing career began at Chesterfield in 1967. Over the next 11 years he ran down the wings for Rotherham, Hartlepool, Scunthorpe, Aldershot, Barnsley, York and Crewe. Probably his greatest accolade was becoming Hartlepool's player-of-the-year in 1973.



MAGPIES MANAGER - NEIL WARNOCK

When he moved into management, his first job was with Gainsborough Trinity. From there he moved to Burton Albion before joining Scarborough who he helped out of the GM Conference in 1987.

In those days Warnock was working as a chiropodist in his native Sheffield but had to give it up once Scarborough entered the Football League.

'It just got too much,' he explains. 'These days I just do the chairman's and the players' feet. I do miss it a bit because it provided an escape.'

He applied for the vacant manager's post at County and in January 1989 became John Barnwell's successor. By the end of the season he had helped the club from 18th to ninth place in the Third Division.

Now he is on the verge of leading a club into the First Division. 'No side has advanced as much in the last two seasons and I don't subscribe to the view that we have come too far too fast,' says Warnock.

I'm pleased that we have continued to improve from last season. I hadn't seen too much of the Second Division and didn't really know what to expect. I

knew it would be difficult but I was always confident there would be one or two clubs below us.'

Promotion last year and the whiff of a repeat performance this season, has also helped Warnock to keep his squad together and fend off the First Division predators.

Top of the list for two years has been central defender Dean Yates who was the subject of a £750,000 bid by Aston Villa last year.

Others who would be obvious targets are skilful midfielder Mark Draper. Tommy Johnson who is the top scorer with 16 League goals and striker Dave Regis who only joined from Barnet for £25,000 in September.

'We must have £4 million worth of players now,' claims Warnock.

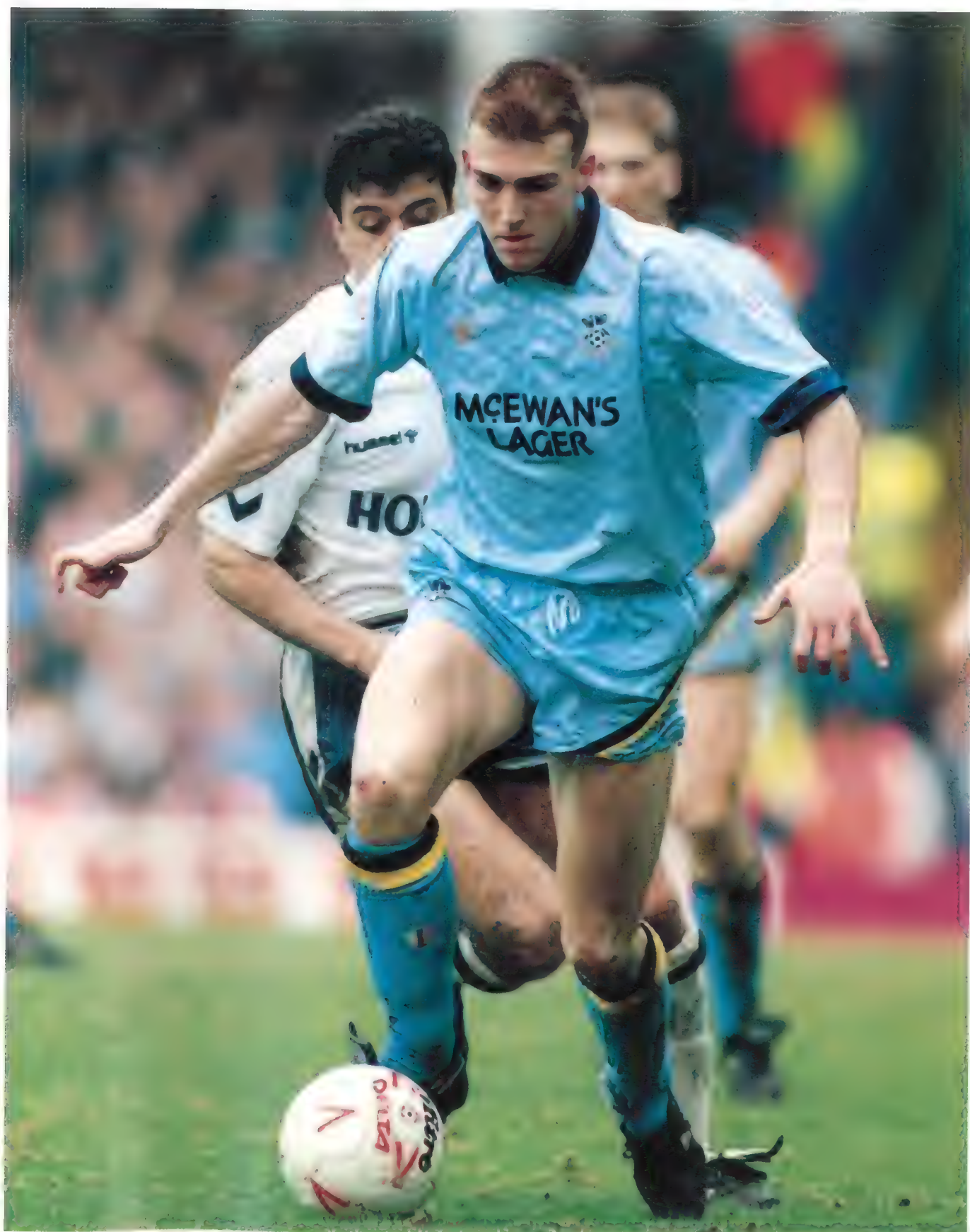
And that is a wealth of talent that is worthy of a place in the First Division.



COUNTY'S TOP MARKSMAN - TOMMY JOHNSON

NOTTS COUNTY

THE COUNTY'S MARK DRAPER



THE BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

fifty nine

MEN FROM MEADOW LANE



—STEVE CHERRY—

County's goalkeeper has been an ever-present in the League and Cups this season and shot to prominence with a heroic display against Manchester City in the F.A. Cup fifth round. Won England youth honours at first club, Derby, before joining Walsall and then Plymouth. Left Plymouth in February, 1989, for £70,000. Born Nottingham. Age 30.



—CHARLIE PALMER—

Strong defender who loves to get forward. Was previously with Watford, Derby and Hull. He had figured in Watford's rise to the First Division and helped them reach the 1984 F.A. Cup Final although he did not play at Wembley. Joined County from Hull for £25,000 in March, 1989. Born Aylesbury. Age 27.

—DON O'RIORDAN—

The central defender who had looked to be opening up another route to Wembley in the F.A. Cup. Against Tottenham in the sixth round, O'Riordan put County ahead with a stunning goal before they lost 2-1. Rejected the chance to become player-manager of Grimsby when he moved to Meadow Lane in July, 1988, for £16,000. Born Dublin. Age 34.

—CRAIG SHORT—

Defender who is no stranger to Wembley glory having scored the second goal in the 2-0 Third Division Play-Off Final success against Tranmere last season. Played under Neil Warnock at Scarborough and followed his manager to Meadow Lane in July, 1989, for £100,000 with £60,000 to follow. Born Bridlington. Age 22.

—DEAN THOMAS—

Midfielder who signed for County from Northampton for £175,000 in March, 1990. Proved a shrewd choice as he now finds himself on the verge of the First Division instead of playing in the Fourth. Previously with Nuneaton Borough, Wimbledon and Dusseldorf. Born Coventry. Age 29.

—DEAN YEATES—

County's longest-serving player having made his debut in April, 1985. The talented defender has been on the shopping list of a number of top clubs including Aston Villa and Norwich but has remained loyal to his only club. Was suspended for both legs of the semi-final against Middlesbrough. Born Leicester. Age 23.

—ALAN PARIS—

Defender who cost £80,000 from Leicester in January. Started with Slough Town, moving to Watford in 1982 where he failed to play a League game in three seasons. In contrast, joined Peterborough and played in all League games bar one over the next three years. Born Slough. Age 26.



—PHIL TURNER—

Midfielder and captain who was rated at £125,000 in the deal which took Gary Mills to Leicester for £300,000 in March, 1989. Captained his side in last year's drive out of the Third Division and hopes to repeat the feat this season. Previously with Lincoln and Grimsby. Born Sheffield. Age 29.

DAVID NORTON

He has only played a handful of games for County this season due to loan spells at Rochdale and Hull. In previous seasons at Meadow Lane, and at his former club Aston Villa, injuries restricted his chances. Joined County from Aston Villa in July, 1988, on a free transfer. Born Cannock. Age 26.

DAVE REGIS

Powerful striker who signed from Barnet for £25,000 in September and was an instant hit scoring 15 League goals including six in the last six games. Brother of Coventry striker, Cyrille Regis, and cousin of Olympic sprinter, John Regis. He was previously with Windsor and Eton, Dunstable and Fisher. Born London. Age 27.

KEVIN BARTLETT

Striker who could not stop scoring during December and January. In a spell of eight games from December 1, he only failed to score once. Finished the season with 13 League goals. Joined County from West Brom for £150,000 in March, 1990, having previously played for Portsmouth and Cardiff. Born Portsmouth. Age 29.

GARY CHAPMAN

Striker whose six League appearances this season were all as substitute. He was an instant hit at Meadow Lane last season during a spell on loan from Bradford City, scoring four goals in six games. But, since his £15,000 transfer in February, 1990, his chances have been limited. Born Leeds. Age 27.

MARK DRAPER

Midfielder who has managed to cement a first-team place, help County to the Play-Off Final and win his first England Under-21 cap in March against the Republic. To complete a fine year, scored both goals in the 2-1 win at West Ham on the last day of the season that denied the Hammers the championship. Born Nottingham. Age 20.

CHRIS SHORT

Younger brother of team-mate, Craig, he also started with Scarborough where he established himself as a right-back. Manchester United led the chase for his signature but they failed to agree a fee and he joined County in September for £100,000. Born Munster. Age 21.

TOMMY JOHNSON

Johnson has also earned international recognition this season, scoring on his debut for England Under-21s against Hungary in September. The club's top scorer with 16 League goals following up a memorable first season at County last year when he grabbed 20 goals including one against Tranmere in the Third Division Play-Off Final. Born Newcastle. Age 20.

PAUL HARDING

Joined County from Barnet for £60,000 in September along with Regis. The midfielder has also played at Wembley before having helped Enfield beat Telford in the 1988 F.A. Trophy Final. Before joining Enfield, he played on the London non-League circuit with Sutton, Carshalton and Dulwich Hamlet. Born Mitcham. Age 27.

SEMI-FINAL PLAY-OFF ACTION



COUNTY'S TOMMY JOHNSON HURDLES
'BORO'S COLIN COOPER

A large action photograph showing Tommy Johnson in a red Notts County kit jumping over Colin Cooper, who is on the ground in a red Middlesbrough kit. A referee in a black and white striped shirt is also visible in the background.



NOTTS COUNTY'S CHRIS SHORT IN CLOSE
PURSUIT OF MIDDLESBROUGH'S HENDRIE

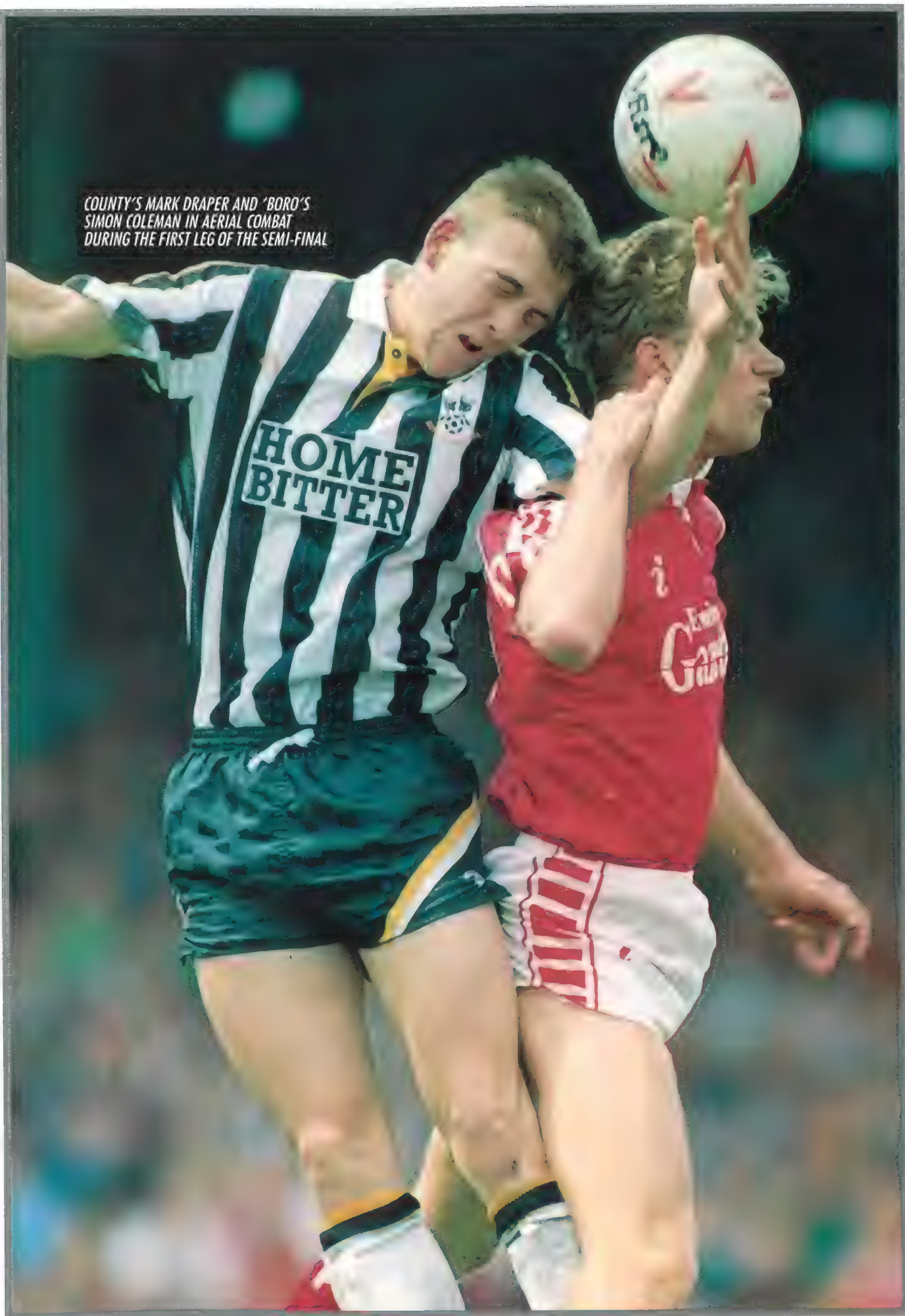
A photograph showing Chris Short in a red Notts County kit running closely behind Hendrie, who is in a red Middlesbrough kit. A referee in a black and white striped shirt is also visible.



'BORO'S JIMMY PHILLIPS KEEPS
CHRIS SHORT AT BAY

A photograph showing Jimmy Phillips in a red Middlesbrough kit tackling Chris Short, who is in a red Notts County kit. A referee in a black and white striped shirt is also visible.

COUNTY'S MARK DRAPER AND 'BORO'S
SIMON COLEMAN IN AERIAL COMBAT
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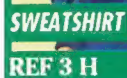
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Play-offs competition

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Wembley have teamed up with Gul to offer readers 12 pairs of warm up shorts and six watches in the Play-Off quiz.

There are four questions to answer and the senders of the first six correct solutions will each receive a watch and a pair of shorts, with the next 6 each receiving a pair of shorts.



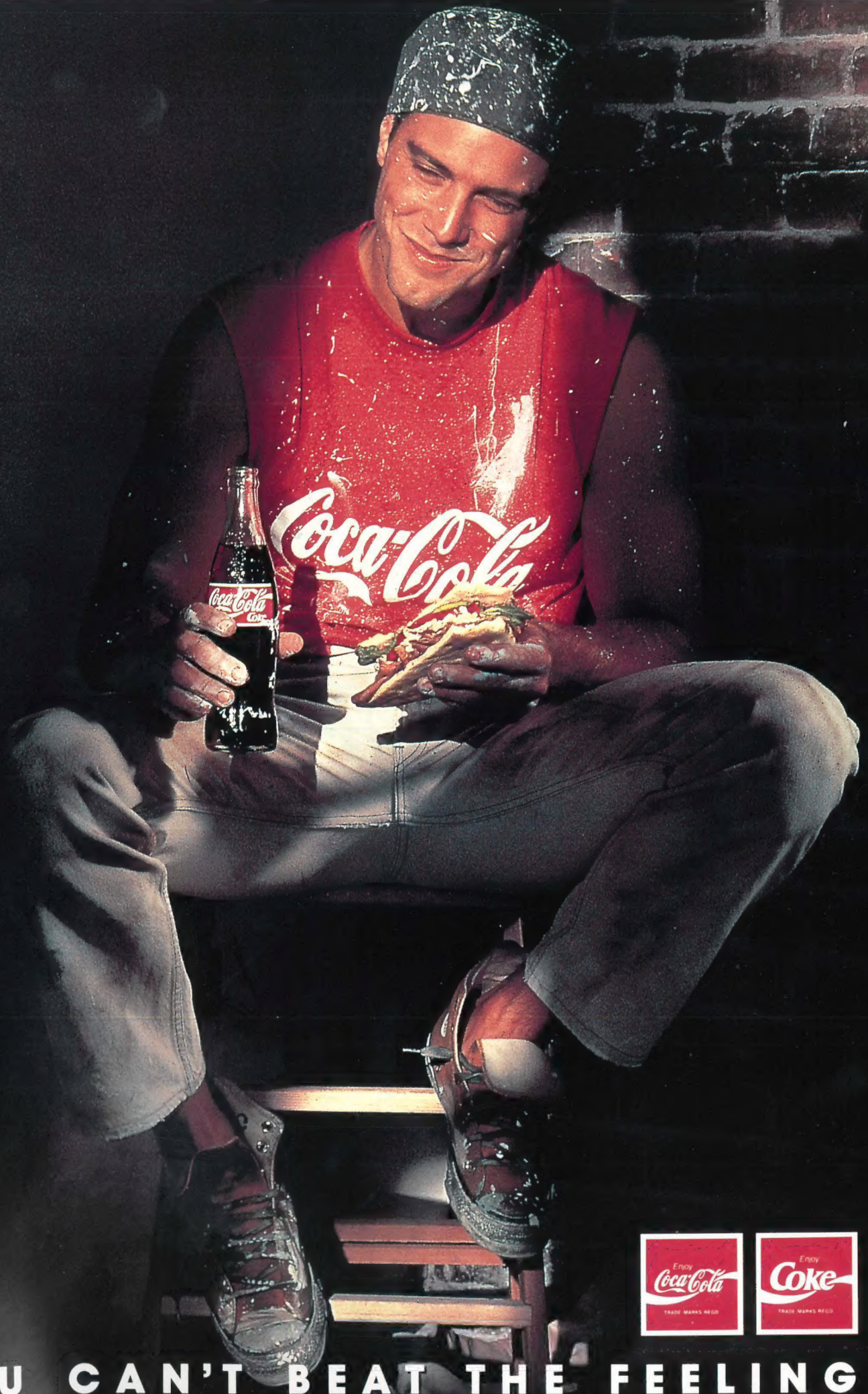
1. Who scored the first play-off goal at Wembley Stadium?
2. Who did Chesterfield beat to reach the Play-Off Final last season?
3. There was only one hat-trick in last year's Play-Off Semi-Finals, Who scored it?
4. Which Club did Tranmere Rovers beat in last year's Play-Off Semi-Final?

Answers on postcards, please, to The Editor, Wembley Stadium Ltd., Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 0DW.

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